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NEW CANTON FORCE.

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WAICHOW GARRISON.

No Material Change in Situation In Capital.

IRONSIDES REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED HOIFUNG DISTRICT.

No material change has been recorded in the position of the Canton Government which has been reconstituted under General Li Chai-sum but there is some significance in an order given to the Papersides of Honam to go out and garrison Waichow city on the East River.

The Papersides are obeying Li Chai-sum—whereas they were more or less independent in the past—and thereby proving the added power of the Government.

War intelligence from the East River basin is that the Ironsides are still "too proud to fight" and "determined" to live down their shame (for letting the Reds get in) in a place out of Kwangtung". However, travellers from Swabue give credence to rumours that some of the Ironsides have reached the Hoifung district which has been overrun by Reds for over two months.

Strong action continues to be taken against a large number of labour unions in Canton. Some of these have been not only closed by the Police but have also been stripped of every article of furniture, etc.

THE LABOUR UNIONS.

SWUNG ROUND.

"Canton" Politicians Join Nanking.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the new Nationalist Government at Nanking have progressed in their task of setting up the administration, and the new faction's influence is extending.

Several of the Canton (i.e., Leftist) group of politicians have swung round and changed their attitude. There is a likelihood that they will join hands with Nanking.

However, this change has little material effect on the Canton Government, the military leaders of which do not agree with the military leaders of Nanking.

MAN KWANS.

Fukien Force to Invade Kwangtung?

For an obscure reason, a force of guerillas who style themselves as the "People's Army" (i.e., Man Kwan), is marching from Fukien province with Kwangtung as their objective.

The strength of the force is not given. The message comes via Shanghai, giving the route of the march.

Man Kwans, in the past, have given considerable trouble, but have never proved themselves fighters.

ARMY OF 70,000

Hankow's Campaign Against Hunan.

Now that the Hunanese army has advanced to about 100 miles south of Hankow, states an overnight cable, the Nationalist Generals at that city are taking serious consideration of the new war in the central Yangtsze Valley.

Three columns are marching out from Hankow, the right being under General Li Tsung-pen (says the "Kung Sheung Yat Po"), who is one of the Kwangsi big four and a colleague of General Li Chai-sum of Canton.

Seventy thousands Nationalist troops are in the field but there is no unity of command. Only two out of half a dozen Generals are fighting seriously. The majority are hoping for the others to do the work for them.

PEKING'S RELATIONS.

War, Peace Prospects, and Alliances.

Peking, Yesterday.

Fighting in the south-west of Shantung province continues but appears to be only on a small scale.

The general lull in the North is exemplified by the absence of leaders from the war zone.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is at Tientsin and there is no news of his returning to the front, while General Chu Yu-pu is likely to remain in Peking for several days.

Come-Back in Hunan?

It is reported that the Fengtien Party is negotiating with General Tang Seng-chi with the object of assisting him to stage a come-back in Hunan province and it is reported in Peking that the Hunanese have advanced to within 50 miles of Hankow, the leader of the attack being Ho Chien.

War After the New Year?

Reports of peace negotiations with Shansi province continue to be published in the Press, but it is stated that the Fengtien Party is preparing a large campaign against Shansi after the New Year, if peace is not concluded. Reinforcements are being sent to Tatungfu with that object.—Reuter.

C. C. Wu's Tour.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Dr. C. C. Wu has intimated that he is going to Europe on February 1st, via India, Egypt and Turkey for the purpose of "general observation," after which he plans to visit North, Central and South America. Although Dr. Wu states that he is leaving for a rest and "general study," it is believed that the tour is an effort by the Nanking Government to establish diplomatic relations with nations all over the world and wherever possible.—Reuter.

Treaty Revision.

Atlantic City, Yesterday.

The revision of Chinese-American treaties within three months is predicted by Dr. Warnshuis, Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, who said he had been informed of at least three Chinese having been named by two Chinese Governments to participate in the negotiations.—Reuter's American Service.

ANTI-RED OUTBURST

EXHIBITION RAIDED IN BRUSSELS.

"DOWN WITH SOVIETS."

Brussels, Yesterday.

A party of 50 youths, armed with clubs, invaded and wrecked the Soviet Russia Exhibition organised by the Belgo-Russian League of International Relations. They broke to smithereens a bust of Lenin, destroyed busts of prominent Communists, slashed paintings to ribbons, smashed the furniture and windows, and tore to shreds documents, pamphlets, propagandist posters, books, and statistics, shouting "Down with the Soviets."

It is explained that they belonged to the League of National Youth and the raid was a protest against the "lies which are giving a false idea of present Russia and a revolting picture of Tsarist Russia."

The Police are inquiring into the affairs.—Reuter.

"RED ROSE."

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL IN SINGAPORE.

Singapore, Yesterday.

Capt. Lancaster and Mrs. Miller have arrived and their injuries are being treated in hospital. They hope to resume their flight in six weeks' time.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST TAINT.

What A Police Raid Revealed.

16 MEN DETAINED.

Literature, Daggers And Free Passes In Victoria Street.

Important captures are believed to have been made by the Criminal Investigation Department on Wednesday night in a raid on premises in the heart of the city, namely, No. 8 Victoria Street (3rd floor), facing the Central Market.

The Police were acting, it is understood, on information that the place was one where alleged labour agitators met.

Sixteen men were detained for inquiries. Among the material seized were:—

A large quantity of literature believed to be seditious and bearing a Communist taint,

A dagger,

Two (square) iron batons,

A number of "free passage" passes issued by the Anti-Hong Kong Strikers of 1925.

Up For Banishment!

The "China Mail" also learns that a number of men arrested in various parts of the Colony recently, shortly after the Red crisis in Canton, are being put up for banishment. Some of the men were prosecuted at Yaumati, the case having closed. Highly seditious literature was seized in this case, one of the pamphlets beginning with "Down with the Hong Kong Government."

STOLEN CAR.

BROUGHT FROM CANTON TO HONG KONG.

JAIL FOR CHINESE.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, a Chinese was sentenced to three months' hard labour for the theft of a motor car from the Wan Ho Tim Garage at Canton.

The car was brought to Hong Kong on the s.s. "Tungon" on December 18, and the accused, according to a representative of the Dragon Garage, requested the garage, to land the car and repair it. When the car was eventually taken into the garage, the witness decided that the car was in such a tumble down condition it being not worth more than $150, that it was not worth while repairing it. He said so to the accused, but the latter came round the following day in the company of another Chinese and a man named O'Brien and again asked that the car be repaired. The car had remained in the garage ever since, and nothing had been done to it.

The accused's story was that he was only acting for a friend whose address he gave. The police reported that this friend as well as another witness whom the accused wished to call could not be found.

The Magistrate said that he was satisfied that the accused knew that the car was unlawfully obtained, and sentenced him.

SERGT. McMAHON.

The news will be received with general satisfaction that Sergeant Thomas McMahon who was severely wounded on December 7 in the shooting affray between four Chinese gunmen and a police picket, has made a complete recovery and has been allowed out of the hospital where for a time he was in a very critical condition.

A "China Mail" man saw Sergeant McMahon riding in a ricsha along Caine Road yesterday afternoon, and beyond the fact that he looked a little pale, the Sergeant had got through the crisis well.

COMMITTED TO ASYLUM.

Sybel Joseph, the Jewish woman who caused a scene in Major C. Willson's Court earlier in the week when she and a Chinese woman were bound over for street fighting, has been committed by the Magistrate to the Lunatic Asylum.

OUT ON BAIL.

The Two Cantonese Officials.

FURTHER REMAND.

Requisition For Their Extradition Received From Canton.

There was quite a gathering of legal talent in Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning when the two Canton officials, Wong Chong-chi and Chiu Pok-shan, made another appearance in connection with the charge against them of the unlawful possession of $100,000, knowing the money to have been stolen.

Mr. H. G. Shelton appeared for the Government of Canton in connection with the requisition for the accused's extradition, but said that he was not for the moment directly interested in the proceedings before the Court.

Instructing Mr. Shelton were Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Mr. R. A. Wadeson, who had previously appeared in the interest of the Canton Government.

Mr. M. K. Lo was for the defence, whilst Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, represented the police.

Requisition Received.

Mr. King applied to the Magistrate for a further remand of 24 hours for the police to reconsider the position. An extradition requistion had been received from the Governor-General of Canton, and other witnesses had arrived. The police have not yet been able to go fully into the matter, and therefore they must ask for a further remand. Mr. King said he hoped to go into the matter thoroughly within the next 24 hours and be able to decide definitely by to-morrow morning what action to take.

Mr. King explained that he originally applied for a remand of three days because that was the limit of time during which the accused could be kept in custody. Had he known that the accused could raise bail, and that bail would have been granted by his Worship, he would have applied for a longer remand.

Mr. Lo raised no objection to Mr. King's application and the accused were accordingly remanded until to-morrow morning, bail being extended in the sum of $50,000 each.

HOME FROM CHINA.

Plymouth's Welcome To Marines.

London, Yesterday.

A contingent of Marines arrived at Plymouth from China on board the "Mantua" and were heartily welcomed by a crowd.

Addressing the men Vice-Admiral Sir Rudolf Bentinck declared that their presence in the Far East and their efficiency had prevented a great massacre of whites.—Reuter.

A WINDFALL.

CARNEGIE CORPORATION AND AFRICA.

£100,000 INVOLVED.

Cape Town, Yesterday.

South Africa is about to receive a windfall from the Carnegie Corporation of New York as the result of the recent tour of its representatives in Africa.

The Corporation has decided to offer to the proper South African authorities a five years' programme of grants in aid certain for scientific and other projects, involving a total expenditure of £100,000. This includes grants of £2,000 yearly for five years for scientific and other researches, £4,000 for research into the "poor white" problem," £4,500 to assist libraries, and £18,000 for the exchange of visits of South African and American leaders in science, social work, and education.

Funds will also be granted to East Africa for education and nursing.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 11/16.

THAMES FLOODS.

Premier Convenes A Conference.

AVERTING REPETITION.

Government And Local Authorities To Meet.

London, Yesterday.

It is officially announced that the Premier has summoned a conference of Government Departments and local and other authorities concerned to meet at the Ministry of Health on Monday to review the situation arising from the Thames floods and decide on action to obviate a recurrence of the disaster.—Reuter.

Relief of Distress.

Rugby, Yesterday.

It is officially stated that on his return to London from the country the Premier took into personal consideration the situation arising out of the recent flooding of the Thames in consultation with Sir Kingsley Wood, who is in charge of the Ministry of Health in the absence abroad of Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The various measures taken for the relief of distress were reviewed, and the Premier decided that the next step must be to summon as quickly as possible a conference of various Government Departments and local and other authorities concerned in the matter to review the situation and settle what action can and should be taken to obviate a recurrence of such loss of life and widespread damage as resulted from the recent disaster.

The conference has been summoned accordingly to meet at the Ministry of Health on Monday.—British Wireless Service.

BIG NAVY.

20-YEAR PROGRAMME FOR AMERICA.

FRESH DISCLOSURE.

Washington, Yesterday.

In the House of Representatives Naval Committee Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy, disclosed that the Navy Department had drafted a comprehensive 20-years' building programme, of which the programme for five years mentioned in yesterday's cable is only a part.—Reuter's American Service.

Battleship Replacement.

Washington, later.

Mr. Wilbur said that the programme previously mentioned would be spread over eight years. The bigger programme provided for the replacement of battleships as soon as that was possible under the Washington Treaty. The annual cost of battleship replacement would be $168,000,000 aggregating $3,000,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

BAN ON WAR.

FRENCH PROPOSAL TURNED DOWN.

Washington, Yesterday.

It is believed that Mr. Kellogg, in his reply to M. Briand's latest Note with regard to anti-war proposals, turns down the French proposal restricting the agreement to wars of aggression and insists upon participation of other world Powers with France and America.—Reuter.

Negotiations Continuing.

Paris, Yesterday.

According to the "Quai d'Orsay," Mr. F. B. Kellogg's reply to M. Briand's observations on the United States' arbitration treaty proposals is conciliatory and negotiations will continue. Evidently there is still a divergency of view between the two Governments, particularly in regard to the term "war of aggression."—Reuter.

"MODERATE AND FAIR."

North-east winds, moderate, fair, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has weakened slightly and spread eastward. The monsoon will moderate along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

STRONG TO THE TOP!

SLOGAN FOR QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

GOVERNOR'S PRAISE.

Notable Assembly At Prize Distribution.

MR. CROOK OUTLINES MAIN EVENTS OF SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

"Going strong to the top!" was H.E. the Governor's stirring slogan to the scholars of Queen's College this morning when he visited the institution to present the annual prizes. This was the message received from the explorers, Irving and Mallory, when they attempted their last ascent of Mount Everest. His Excellency congratulated scholars and staff upon an excellent year's work.

Mr. A. H. Crook, M.A., F.R.G.S., the Headmaster, in presenting the annual report, delivered a speech full of sound advice and humour. He had quite an amount to say to parents and showed the possession of definite views on education and examination qualifications. One of his suggestions was that all examination certificates should bear the receiver's photograph. Speaking of education generally, he stressed that it was bound up with the past as well as the future.

Prize giving took place in the big, black-raftered Hall of the College, where portraits of Governors and former educational chiefs adorn the walls, bearing between them the records of the feats of scholarship of old Q.C. boys. The entire floor space was occupied by visitors and scholars, and up in the galleries were further crowds of youngsters.

The dress of the masters, gowned and streamer-bedecked, added a touch of colour to the scene.

WHAT EDUCATION MEANS.

On the dias with His Excellency were Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. G. Grimble, Dr. Pearce, Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. A. E. W. Woods, Capt. Foster, private secretary to His Excellency, Mr. Paul Leung, Professor Simpson, and others.

Mr. Crook's Report.

The headmaster, in presenting the annual report, said:—

The number of pupils in attendance at the beginning of 1927 was 595 as against 537 in 1926. From the Government District Schools about 80 boys were admitted to various divisions of Class three. 88 new boys were admitted to Class 8. The other new boys admitted were chosen by examination out of a large number of applicants for vacancies in various classes. Nearly 500 had to be refused for various reason.

Mr. Kay, the second Master, returned from home leave at the beginning of the year. Mr. Hung Chi-po and Mr. Yuen Kwok-huen, both graduates of the University, were appointed to the Staff after graduation. Mr. Lai Cheuk-lap was appointed as a Vernacular teacher.

Early in the year Mr. Mycock went on leave.

Closing of King's.

Owing to the requirements of the military King's College was taken over as a hospital and accordingly seven classes from it comprising 192 scholars were taken in here, making a total on the roll of 787. Every available space was required to accommodate these classes, and as this hall had to be used for three of them the conditions were naturally not ideal. But notwithstanding the difficulties of accommodation and the shortage of staff the year's sojourn with us of these classes from King's College passed very peacefully and prosperously. They competed more or less successfully in our ports competitions and examinations. We welcomed this all the more because in these matters a little healthy rivalry is sometimes beneficial.

I have to thank not only the Members of my own Staff but also the Members of the King's College Staff who came here for their loyal co-operation with me in the work of the school which, but for their help might have been very vexatious owing to overcrowding, differences of text-books, and other matters of organisation.

Another Innovation.

Another small innovation which took place this year was the attendance of two classes (Junior and Matriculation) for mathematical subjects of girl students from the Belilios Public School. This, too, *was due to exigencies of Staff distribution.* The system came as near to co-education as these systems generally do, and seemed to work well. The girl students were such models of assidity and application that teachers were naturally anything but averse to taking them.

The number of school days was 227,—one more than the previous year, probably due to the misfortune of some Chinese festival or Saints' day falling on a Sunday. The average daily attendance was 693 or 88%. The previous year the attendance was 84%; and both of these are improvements on the year before that.

Health Good.

This in itself shows that the health of the school was pretty good. Of course here are always a certain number of petty ailments which seem to be closely associated with climatic conditions of not directly caused by them. But these were not serious.

I should like, however, here to urge Chinese parents the importance of allowance their children in cases of dire necessity to submit to an anaesthetic or an operation. In certain cases such as severe appendicitis if this is not done, the only alternative appears to be death. The Chinese are too prone to let cases of this kind take their course.

The discipline and morale of the school have been good; and in this connection I wish to thank the Prefects on whom so much depends and who performed their work so well.

Sports.

As far as possible we distribute the sports over the various months of the year so that there may not be a surfeit of them all together.

The volley-ball and football are always keenly contested. When I state that in the volley ball 26 teams and in the football 27 teams competed for the inter class shields you will see to what a large proportion of the school these games give healthy exercise.

Throug hthe kindness of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. we were enable to have our swimming sports again this year. As there is no space for any visitors or spectators at the Y.M.C.A. baths some the events which we formerly had were curtailed or omitted, but the meeting was very successful. Earlier in tht year on a few holidays we had all-day bathing parties when upwards of 600 boys went out to bathe. These excursions however, though they are a great enjoyment for the boys are such a perfect nightmare for whoever has charge of them that they are not altogether the pleasure they appear. However, thanks to the kindness of the military authorities we were enabled to have ten good swimmers from the regiment with us each time who were always swimming about in the water in case of emergency. Fortunately there were no mishaps. These all-day picnics are an expensive item which cannot be indulged in frequently.

School Magazine.

Our annual running and jumping competition took place in April in very good weather. A large contingent of the Members of the Q.C.O.B.A. and other old boys were present and added to the interest by competing in some of the events. Through the generosity of the Q.C.O.B.A. refreshments were provided for the whole school. The interest and appreciation which the past pupils show in the activities of the present pupils is a greater stimulus almost than anything else in the work and sport of *the school. I need not emphasis* how favourably it reacts on the general conduct and character of the pupils. The various branches of sport are among the links which bind most closely the present with the past.

Another close and very important link is the school magazine. It has had a very successful year—I don't mean financially. Many of the old boys read it: I wish more of them would write for it. For well over a quarter of a century now it has chronicled an invaluable record of the activities which go on within these walls.

Harder Standard.

But after all, all of these things are more or less parerga. The chief work of a school is the developing of boys in mind and the

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

ENGINEERING.

REQUIREMENTS OF FOREIGN CONSUMER.

The inability, of which we hear so often, of the British industrialist to adapt his methods to the requirements of the foreign consumer was the text of an address, which Mr. W. Wilson delivered as chairman of Electrical Engineers on October 12 last. He remarked that what struck him most about the World Power Conference at Wembley in 1924 was the great variety of men attending, and that the gathering formed an unexampled opportunity of studying personalities and thus learning some very valuable lessons. Our insular position made this the more necessary, since the ability to understand their neighbours was inherent in those who dwelt in countries with land frontiers. To study the psychology of the "other man" was essenial, and that study could only be effected by frequent visits overseas and other forms of personal contact. The increase in the number of technical delegations that now went abroad was to be encouraged, if only because it allowed a greater knowledge to be acquired of conditions in other countries. Such intercourse was of particular importance to engineers since the interest taken in engineering matters in other countries was very great, education had reached a high standard and the achievements in some of the small countries were really remarkable. Electrical engineers would find that during the past fifteen years every country using electric power to any considerable extent had been organising its supply on a national basis, and this had always been justified by the improved economy of operation and the greatly increased load factor.

Foreign countries were doing many things which we regarded as impracticable, and a study of our own psychology might, therefore, be instrumental in directly accelerating our own rate of progress. Our attitude towards new things was engendered by our exaggerated system of party government. This resulted in the practice of forming conclusions first and then selecting arguments to support them, and in opposing the proposals of others as a matter of course before examining them. Whatever might be the justification for such a policy in government it was nothing short of disastrous in industry and engineering. The result was that an inventor required as much as anything else a tough hide, unbounded self-confidence, a high degree of persistence and robust health, but as instead he, as often as not, was particularly sensitive 90 per cent. of the proposals which should go to make our industries flourishing were mentally slaughtered. In conclusion, Mr. Wilson pointed out that it was of equal importance that foreign engineers should know us, and that more attention should be paid in the part played by racial characteristics in devising the details of a scheme or apparatus.—"Engineering."

RUBBER PROSPECTS.

THE "FINANCIAL TIMES" REVIEW.

London, Jan. 3.

The "Financial Times" in its annual review of business dealing with the position of rubber in 1927 considers that there is room for satisfaction that despite hard knocks the pivotal basis did not fall below 1s. 3d.

The outstanding feature has been the fresh capital issues for which money has been raised easily, proving confidence in future prosperity.

The outlook for 1928 the paper considers, is more promising.

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GOLD MINING.

PROSPECTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Unlike those commodities of commerce which are derived from the animal or vegetable kingdoms and which, generally speaking, a kindly nature renews from year to year, a gold-bearing deposit has but a limited life, and sooner or later must become worked out or exhausted. On the whole, too, gold-bearing beds are exhausted more rapidly than other mineral deposits. This is not due so much to the inherent character of the ores as to the powerful influence of the "lust for gold" and the consequent rush to exploit any newly-found goldfield. The typical production curve for a goldfield shows a huge output in the first few years, very often reaching a maximum in the third or fourth year or somewhat later, according to the time required to get adequate machinery working, and then showing a long, steady decline. Australia, as a whole, or any one of its individual fields, affords an excellent example. First discovered in 1851, the output of gold reached a value of £13,000,000 in 1853 and 1856, and then steadily declined to £4,500,000 in 1886. Then came the great discoveries in Western Australia, forcing the output up to £17,200,000 in 1903, since when the production has been dropping steadily, and is now under £3,000,000—less than in the year after its first discovery. In contrast stands the uniue example of South Africa. Small goldfields were worked before the discovery of the all-important "banket" beds of the Witwatersrand in 1885. The following table shows the steady and continued progress of the industry:—

Year.	Gold produced in fine oz.	Per centage of world total.
1886	8,171	—
1896	2,025,510	20.7
1906	5,792,823	29.5
1916	9,296,618	42.3
1923	9,148,771	52.6
1926	9,666,000	*52.0

* About.

Before discussing the future prospects of the industry, the unique character of the gold-bearing deposits must be noted. In general, gold is found free in nature—that is, as native gold. The native gold occurs either in lodes or in alluvial (placer) deposits. Like other metalliftrous lodes, those of gold-bearing quartz are usually more or less vertical, and must be followed downwards in the course of mining. The particles of gold are minute, but usually visible to the naked eye. Placer deposits represent the natural debris deposited by streams which have passed over gold bearing country. The force of the running water has pounded up the gold quartz and separated out the heavy gold and allowed it to settle in the well-known rich "paystreaks."

But the bankets or reefs of the Witwatersrand in the Transvaal are quite different. The bankets are beds of very hard conglomerate or puddingstone (banket is the Dutch name of a sweetmeat full of almonds) in which the pebbles are held together by a siliceous cement. The gold particles are so minute as to be usually invisible to the naked eye; they are in the form of tiny sharp edged crystals scattered through the cementing matrix. The banket when mined is crushed and the gold extracted partly by mechanical and partly by chemical means. The arrangement of the bankets of reefs is like that of coal seams in a coal mine. The reefs vary from a few inches to several feet in thickness and about three are gold bearing. Just as in a coalfield, the thick seams of one area peter out when traced laterally only to be replaced by other thick seams in neighbouring areas, so do the Transvaal reefs vary from place to place. The richest is at present the "Main Reef Leader."

First worked at the centre (Ferriera Mine) of the Rand, the reefs have long been exploited east and west of Johannesburg. In 1912 the extremely successful results in the "Far East Rand" attracted general attention and the centre of gold mining activity—producing half the output and three-quarters of the profits—now lies in the Far East Rand. Underground mining has been pushed down even to d pths of 7,600 feet (Village Deep), and for miles and miles along the Rand the huge white dumps of waste quartz sand are steadily growing. One company alone mills over two and a half million tons of reef per year, each ton yielding gold to the value of £1 6s. to £1 12s. For the whole Rand something of the order of 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 tons of ore are mined annually (29½ millions in 1926, yielding 6½ dwts. of gold per ton, at a profit of 8s. 9d. per ton milled.

The continued maintenance of the output of gold from th Transvaal is so different from the record of other goldfields that one inevitably asks how long it can last. With greater depths mining costs increase; but reserves actually known and tested are probably sufficient to maintain the present output for 25 years, and possibly for a very much longer period. One of the greatest living authorities on the mineral resources of the Transvaal, Major W. A. Wills, ventures to prophesy that the output from the Transvaal will be as large in 25 years' time as it is to-day. Indeed, the most serious obstacle to increased production is the native labour supply, which, unfortunately, seems likely to diminish rather than to increase.

But it is inevitable that the centres of production will change, and with them the fortunes of the companies operating. Many areas in the Central Rand are already exhausted; the Western Rand has little prospect of improving its somewhat dismal record. Certain ore the minds on the Far Eastern Rand have reserves sufficient only for between fifteen and forty years, the Government Areas for about seventeen. But further south are huge tracts not even superficially explored.

The next fifty years will undoubtedly see the rise of one big produce after another, the newcomers maintaining total production as the older mines become worked out.

The Transvaal position among the great world producers depends, to a large extent, on changes in other parts of the world. Canada is probably the most promising gold and silver country in the world. Conglomeratic rocks of banket type are abundant in many parts of the world; their auriferous properties can only be detected by careful analysis. Western Australia may, in particular, be mentioned as a country where typical "banket" types of rock exist, some of which may be auriferous.

Despite its overwhelming importance at present, the future prosperity of South Africa is not entirely bound up with that of the gold mining industry. The gold of the Rand tends to overshadow the great possibilities of the great coalfields just to the east and south-east; and the huge iron ore fields—at present untouched—to the north. Though of great value, gold does not offer an adequate return cargo for liners on the South African route. A drop in gold production might even benefit South Africa by turning attention to other possible industries of more immediate importance to South African shipping.

NO NEED FOR CONTROL.

The "Financial News" dealing with the tin market expresses the opinion that Eastern undertakings will make profits with tin at £250 which is the usual basis adopted and the reports of companies show that they are doing so.

EASTERN BONDS FIRMER.

Various Chinese Customs issues closed better and Japanese are firm. —"Singapore Free Press."

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

Jan. 18 to 19, 1928.

Date	High W.	Ht	Lower Water	Ht.
	Standard Times		Standard Times	
Jan.				
Fri. 13	m 0 14	6.2	m 7 59	1.8
	3 10a	4.5	6 58 a	4.0
Sat. 14	m 1 5	5.6	m 8 44	2.2
	3 57a	4.8	8 43 a	4.1
Sun. 15	m 2 3	5.0	m 9 29	2.5
	4 40a	5.1	10 38 a	3.9
Mon. 16	m 3 38	4.5	m 10 10	2.6
	5 15a	5.5		
Tues. 17	m 5 18	4.2	m 0 4	3.4
	5 47a	5.8	m 10 51	3.0
Wed. 18	m 6 38	4.0	m. 1 6	2.9
	6 14a	6.3	m 11 31	3.2
Thurs 19	m 7 44	4.0	m 1 52	2.2
	6 44a	6.7	0 10 a	3.3

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			Jan. 7, 1928.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛肉	lb.	28	24	12
„ Prime Cut		„	28	23	12
„ Corned	咸牛肉	„	—	23	12
„ Roast	燒肉	„	28	24	22
„ Breast	牛腩肉	„	24	20	18
„ Soup	湯	„	26	20	18
„ Steak	牛排骨	„	28	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin ...	牛	„	40	30	35
„ Sausages	牛	„	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh..	牛	each	65	50	60
„ Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	„	—	60	—
„ Head	牛	„	$1.20	—$1.20	
„ Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
„ Hump, Salt ..	牛	„	34	20	18
„ Feet	牛	each	8	10	12
„ Kidneys	牛	„	15	10	12
„ Tail	牛	„	28	20	22
„ Liver	牛	lb.	24	18	14
„ Tripe	牛	„	7	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet..	牛仔頭	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊	lb.	48	26	—
„ Leg	羊	„	48	26	—
„ Shoulder	羊	„	46	24	—
„ Saddle		„	46	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬	„	35	—	27
„ Brains	豬	Per set	3	—	12
„ Feet	豬	lb.	16	15	—
„ Fry	豬	„	28	15	18
„ Head	豬	„	16	20	—
„ Heart	豬	each	15	10	10
„ Kidneys	豬	„	15	10	3
„ Liver	豬	lb.	60	30	24
Pork Chop	豬	„	34	25	23
„ Leg	豬	„	34	—	—
„ Loin	豬	„	40	60	70
„ Fat or Lard	豬	„	24	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet..	羊	per set	85	60	70
„ Heart	羊	each	12	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	羊	„	46	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order.	乳	lb.	26	25	22
Suet, Beef	鮮牛	„	30	20	18
„ Mutton	鮮羊	„	46	26	26
Veal	牛仔	„	36	20	19
„ Sausages	牛仔腸	„	36	20	20
„ „ No. 1..		„	30	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯪魚	lb.	70	19	24
Bream	鳳尾魚	„	26	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	(塘魚 塘養城濱) (水魚 海鮮)	„	22	13	16
Carp	鯉魚	„	25	16	27
Catfish	鯰魚	„	28	12	9
Codfish	鱈魚	„	36	20	25
Crabs	蟹	„	45	23	26
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	„	28	16	2
Dab		„	38	23	16
Dace	黃腳鯽	„	42	20	—
Dog Fish	鯊魚	„	11	10	8
Eels, Conger	海鰻	„	45	16	—
„ Fresh Water ...	淡水鰻	„	25	10	18
„ Yellow	黃鰻	„	22	26	30
Frogs	田雞	„	80	32	25
Garoupa	石班	„	78	40	30
Gudgeon	白鮀	„	30	22	18
Herrings	鮮白	„	25	18	23
Halibut	鮮扁魚	„	30	18	15
Labrus	黃鳥	„	26	22	18
Loach	鰍魚	„	75	22	24
Lobsters	龍蝦	„	45	32	21
Mackerel	鮁魚	„	28	20	26
Monk Fish	老鼠魚	„	30	13	2
Mullet	鯔魚	„	25	13	2
Oysters	鮮蠔公	„	30	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚	„	28	14	9
Perch		„	28	20	15
Pike	花蓑	„	30	16	9
Plaice	扁魚	„	40	26	29
Pomfret, Black	鯧魚	„	44	86	30
Pomfret, White	白鯧	„	48	36	45
Prawns		„	60	10	14
Ray	鯪公	„	11	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑魚	„	62	18	18
Roach		„	28	22	16
Salmon	鮭魚	„	65	36	30
Shark	沙魚	„	10	8	10
Skate	鱝魚	„	12	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	„	30	32	30
Snapper	立魚	„	45	26	35
Soles	鞋底魚	„	45	28	22
Tench	丸魚	„	28	23	18
Turbot	鮃魚	„	30	18	12
Turtles, small, to water	龜	„	1.20	40	—

Poultry.

			Jan. 7, 1928.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	50	30	31
Capons, Small	線雞	„	45	28	30
Capons, Large	肥線雞	„	50	33	30
Duck	鴨	„	40	22	21
Doves	班鴿	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)..	雞蛋	per doz.	32	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh) ...	新鮮雞蛋	„	38	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	65	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	„	40	36	24
Geese	鵝	„	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	55	30	—
„ Hoihow	海口鴿	„	35	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	65	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	„	60	51	45
Snipe	沙鷸	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	$2.00	—	—
Quail	鵪鶉	each	25	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	„	80	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	70	35	—
Apples (California) ..	金山蘋果	„	22	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	„	6	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	12	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12	7	0
Lemons (America) ...	金山檸檬	each	10	8	0
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	48	25	30
Oranges (Canton) ...	新會甜橙	„	11	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	15	—	15
Pears (Canton)	炒梨	„	12	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large ...	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	4	3	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	18	12	6
Walnuts	合桃子	lb.	18	—	16
Grapes	葡萄子	„	45	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	雞爪竹	each	10	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽菜	lb.	5	—	7
„ Long	豆角	„	14	8	—
Beet Root	紅菜頭	lb.	10	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	„	7	5	9
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	„	7	5	9
„ Red	紅瓜	„	5	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	„	5	—	—
„ (Shanghai) ..	上海菜	„	7	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch ...	藤	„	3	—	—
Cauliflower (Large) ..	大椰菜花	each	16	—	—
„ (Medium) ..	中椰菜花	„	12	—	—
„ (Small) ..	細椰菜花	„	10	6	6
Carrots	金邊菜	lb.	8	6	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	„	9	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	„	25	25	5
„ Red	紅辣椒	„	15	10	16
„ Green	青花椒	„	15	8	12
Curry Stuff, English ..	菜圃材料	„	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	„	10	2	—
Garlic	蒜子	„	7	6	6
Ginger, Young	薑	„	5	7	—
„ Old	老薑	„	5	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai.		„	35	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	„	8	45	—
Lettuce	鵝生菜	„	5	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	„	8	—	8
„ Mandarin.	桂林馬蹄	„	10	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮菇	„	—	—	3
Okroes		„	15	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥頭	„	8	8	8
„ Green	生蔥	„	5	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海蔥頭	„	6	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	„	25	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯仔	„	5	3	—
„ Japanese	日本薯仔	„	5	3	—
„ American	金山薯仔	„	6	3	—
Pumpkin	多瓜仔	„	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	„	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大干薑	„	—	—	10
Shallots	蔥	„	10	8	—
Spinach	菠菜	„	7	4	—
Tomatoes	番茄	„	10	7	—
Taros	芋頭	„	6	6	—
Turnips, Puntí (Long) .	蘿蔔菜	„	6	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	節瓜	„	—	4	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	„	6	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	„	5	6	—

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E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 12th January, 1928.

NOTICES.

CYMDEITHAS DEWI SANT, HONG KONG.
(St. David's Society, Hong Kong).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in Mr. D. J. Lewis' Office, (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master), Prince's Building, on FRIDAY, 13th January, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.
BUSINESS:
(a) To receive the Report of the Committee and the Statement of accounts for the past year.
(b) To elect Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
(c) To consider the manner in which St. David's Day shall be celebrated.
All persons of Welsh nationality whether members or not are invited to attend.
Dated the 5th January, 1928.
G. S. HUGH-JONES,
Hon. Secretary.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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13th, 14th, 15th & 18th February, 1928.

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Hong Kong, 15th December, 1927.

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MACAO TO TIMOR.

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ALMEIDA PINHEIRO,
Harbour Master.
Macao, 20th December, 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, 9th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 26th January to THURSDAY, 9th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
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THE NEW DEAN.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY YESTERDAY.

BISHOP'S WELCOME.

The Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.C., was installed as Dean of St. John's Cathedral and Archdeacon of Hong Kong yesterday. The ceremony took place at the Cathedral. Earlier in the afternoon a reception arranged by the Church Body was held in the Cathedral Hall.

At the reception his Lordship the Bishop presided, and he was supported on the platform by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and the following members of the Church Body:—The Hon. Mr. H. Owen Hughes, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Col. F. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., Mr. W. Jackson and Mr. C. Blaker (Secretary). There were also on the platform the Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.C., and the Rev. Mok Shau-tsang.

His Lordship said:—

Hong Kong is a little world in itself and I have repeatedly said that I know of no place in any part of the world where one can find such a representative group of people within so small an area.

A Post.

To exercise the office of a clergyman anywhere is a great responsibility, for, as one has put it—"The Pastor is to his flock the sole accredited representative of the ideal, spiritual, unearthly, eternal side of life, the Pastor in things divine of the souls committed to him." And I think an added responsibility attaches to this office in days such as these, days of such great change and upheaval.

Rev. H. Copley Moyle.

In welcoming Mr. Swann I cannot forbear to acknowledge the debt we owe to Mr. Moyle. I know that Mr. Moyle has left a permanent mark on the lives of many individuals, and I believe it will be found that he has left a permanent mark on the life of this Colony. He has left behind him a high standard of faithful service.

And this leads me to say a word about the offices which will be filled by Mr. Swann.

He is to be Chaplain of the Cathedral with a definite Cure of Souls.

The Cathedral is in the first place the Parish Church of the Island and I know of no higher or more delightful work in the world than that of Parish Priest, with all its friendships, its intimacies, its opportunities for helpfulness.

But St. John's Cathedral is more than the Parish Church of the Island. It is a Cathedral Church and Mr. Swann is to be Dean of the Cathedral, which is the Mother Church of the Diocese. In the words of Bishop Stillingfleet—"Every Cathedral is to be as the Temple to the whole Diocese."

Mr. Swann is to hold the office of Archdeacon, by which office he is brought in a special sense into definite official relationship with the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Dean.

But here I desire to add that it is fitting that the title by which Mr. Swann should ordinarily be designated is that of "Dean," this being his primary work. I think further I ought to make it quite plain on this occasion that what I have had in mind throughout is not the dignification of individuals but the definition of offices. The offices have come down to us from a long past and I am confident that you, my brethren will fulfil them worthily. My aim is to secure a strong co-ordinating and creative lead from the centre.

The Rev. Mok Shau Tsang.

Nor in welcoming Mr. Swann can I forget that it is to be my privilege to-day to install Mr. Mok Shau-tsang as Archdeacon of Canton.

Mr. Owen Hughes.

The Hon. Mr. H. Owen Hughes said:—I have been asked to address a few words of welcome to Mr. Swann on behalf of the laity and of the community in general upon his arrival to take up work in our midst. I do so with pleasure. It is not really a welcome to the Far East, but a welcome back to the Far East, for Mr. Swann saw the light of day in Kobe where his father was engaged in missionary work for some years.

I understand that Mr. Swann, when he last passed through Hong Kong had arrived at the mature age of 2½ years. I imagine therefore that his recollection of this place is not very vivid. Mr. Swann is still young but has already accumulated a vast amount of experience, an experience which many of us must envy. He was educated at Rugby and at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he read medicine for three years. The outbreak of war found him so engaged, but he immediately joined the Royal Volunteer Reserves as an A.B. After eighteen months on a mine sweeper, he served from 1916 to 1918 on coastal motor-boats in the Channel and elsewhere. For three years he was an officer in His Majesty's Navy, and, as such took part in the Zeebrugge raid. From August, 1918, till the end of the War he was interned in Holland. For his services in the war he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

A Fine Record.

At the conclusion of the war Mr. Swann felt a clear call to be ordained. He went for special training to Westcott house under Canon B. K. Cunningham. While at Cambridge he rowed in three University boat races. In 1920 he was President of the University Club. At Cambridge he also won his half-blue for running. I think you will agree that that record for such a young man is one he can be justly proud of. (Applause).

In 1921 he was appointed curate of Kirburton, near Muddersfield, and in 1924 he took up the appointment of Vicar of Liversedge, Yorkshire. Those of us who have already had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Swann have been impressed by his personality. But, in addition, we already had from England the testimony of two bishops who spoke most appreciatively of his abilities and work.

To Mrs. Swann also, I would address a welcome. Her family has a long and noble record of efficient service in Church work. I shall be much mistaken if you do not readily find that she has inherited a full measure of those qualities which have contributed to that record.

Hong Kong is a cosmopolitan place. We do not all think alike. Yet, I think I may safely assure Mr. Swann that, whatever outward differences of opinion or thought may appear, there runs throughout this Colony a spirit of tolerance and goodwill which is ever ready to assist all effort directed to uplift Christian work and life.

In conclusion, I again tender, on your behalf a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Swann. (Applause.) I confess I feel that I have been unable to discharge adequately the pleasant duty which was assigned to me; but I would ask you to cover my short-comings by the heartiness of your applause in token of the sincerity of the sentiments I have endeavoured to convey. (Loud applause).

The Dean's Reply.

In the course of his reply, the Rev. Alfred Swann said he wished to return most grateful thanks for all the kind things they had said about him and his wife. It was rather, he continued, like cruelty to dumb animals. (Laughter.)

The Dean's Aims.

His aim, the speaker went on, was to attempt to keep the Church life of the Cathedral as representative and just as fine as it could be kept. He fully realised the responsibilities and the extraordinary difficulties which would confront him, and they were bigger because of the changes in the offices which had just been explained to them.

His feeling about these offices was that their introduction would be of benefit to the Colony but the mere prestige and dignity were of no avail unless they meant more power in Church life. He wanted to introduce this into these changes. He wanted to keep in constant touch with the source of All Power and the Source of all kindness. If one tried to stand on one's own feet he was bound to fall every time, but with that Power behind him there was great hope.

INSTITUTION AND INSTALLATION.

Cathedral Service.

The services of Institution and Installation followed in the Cathedral, the Bishop of Victoria wearing his Convocation robes at this service.

The procession into the Cathedral was:

Cross-Bearer; Choir; The Rev. Tso See-kai and the Rev. Li Ying-put; the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach; the Rev. G. F. Stopford and Rev. Noel Evans; the Rev. W. T. Featherstone and Rev. E. W. L. Martin; Rev. Lee Kau-yan and Rev. Tsang Yat-sung; Rev. E. S. Ulyat and Rev. W. W. Rogers; Rev. R. H. Hewitt and Rev. P. Jenkins; Rev. C. I. Blanchett and Rev. A. D. Stewart; Assistant Chaplain (Rev. W. R. Cannell); Dean Designate (Rev. A. Swann); Archdeacon Designate (Rev. Mok Shau-tsang); Bishop's Chaplain (Rev. N. V. Halward); The Bishop.

The ceremony of Institution was conducted by the Bishop, who handed the licence to the Dean at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Then came the ceremony of installation of the Rev. Alfred Swann and the Rev. Mok Shau-tsang as Archdeacon of Hong Kong and Canton, respectively.

Mr. F. Mason was at the organ.

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PROVIDENT FUND.

INTERESTING TEST CASE IN PENANG.

ASSUMED DECLARATION.

An interesting test case as to the amount payable by the Penang Municipal Commissioners from the Provident Fund to the personal representative of the late Mr. W. S. Dunn, formerly Municipal Engineer came before Mr. Jusice Sproule in the Penang Supreme Court.

An affidavit filed by the Municipal Secretary stated that during the twenty-eight years Mr. Dunn was in the employ of the Municipality his contributions to the Provident Fund amounted to $21,084.50 on which accrued interest amounted to $16,892.21. The Commissioners' donations amounted to $18,099.04 plus $18,044.42 making an aggregate of $77,120.28.

According to rule Mr. Dunn was entitled to be paid th- whole of this sum on his retirement or alternatively he could leave the whole sum on deposit with the Commissioners and receive interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, in which case, on his death his personal representative was only entitled to receive the first three items, the accrued interest on the Commissioners' donations reverting to them.

Mr. Dunn retired on six months' leave and during that time and for a further four and a half months he did not indicate either verbally or by any other instructions his wishes in regard to his share in the fund. In the absence of any instructions the Commissioners assumed that he had elected to leave his share on deposit.

An Admitted Case.

On this basis they had paid his representative over $62,000 plus $2,958.04 being interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from the date of Mr. Dunn's retirement up to the date of his death. The personal representative now claimed the accrued interest on the Commissioners' donations, contending that the share had never been left on deposit.

Mr. de Buriatte addressed His Lordship who, without calling upon Mr. Crabb Watt said that there was an admitted case where the Commissioners had failed to get an express declaration from the contributor as to his exercise of the option of leaving his share with the Corporation or not. There was a strong burden on the Commissioners to show that even by his conduct he had exercised that option.

It was quite clear that he could not hold that Mr. Dunn had exercised that option, and ordered that the accrued interest be paid to the personal representative. His Lordship also hinted that as a result of the case the Commissioners must seek to effect certain amendments to the Provident Fund Rules.

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TWO CHINESE SHOT.

NEW YEAR'S DAY AFFAIR IN SINGAPORE.

GUNMEN ACTIVE.

After a period of peacefulness in Singapore, Chinese gunmen became troublesome again during the holidays. In Rochore Road on New Year's night there was a disturbance fortunately without incidents of a serious nature.

Inspector Cowie of the Rochore Division arrested five Hokiens in Lorong 3, East Coast Road at about 9.30 on New Year's Day. It is alleged that the Chinese were assembled to carry out a disturbance. Another Chinese has been arrested for rioting with a dangerous weapon, to wit, a revolver. He was produced before the Courts and remanded.

A far more serious affair occurred opposite the Southern Hotel shortly before 8 o'clock on New Year's Day. Here, two armed Chinese fired on two other Chinese who were seated at a food stall wounding both the men seriously. The assailants then escaped in the confusion that followed. One of the injured men died shortly after and the other in Hospital. The Police arrived on the scene as soon as information was received but no arrests up to the present have been effected.

The shooting is believed to have been done by members of a secret society who must have followed the victims to the food stall and shot them when opportunity offered. The Police have a clue to work on and it is expected that some of the persons concerned in the shooting will be rounded up.

CANCER PERIL.

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X-RAY TREATMENT.

Patrons of London beauty parlours—and they are as innumerable as the stars of heaven—are alarmed over the statement made by Dr. Knobel, Divisional Medical Officer, at a meeting of the L.C.C. Public Control Committee, concerning the system for removing superfluous hairs by the use of X-rays.

"It cannot be stated too strongly that the risk of cancer developing owing to the use of the rays, renders the use of the rays for the purpose of improving the appearance not only undesirable and unjustifiable, but also an actual danger to the public, because they are ignorant of their dangerous effects," he declared.

The committee therefore refused an application for a licence to carry on a massage establishment in Regent Street owing to the apparatus it was proposed to use.

Dr. Knobel added that they had record of a large number of cases of cancer of the face which had developed slowly from the use of X-ray treatment. In the London Hospital alone, he said, there was a gallery of such cases.

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Soochow (1,594) British, from Swatow,—B. & S.—186 passengers, 350 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 110 tons general (through).

Chenan (1,355) British, from Canton,—B. & S.—1 passenger, 22 tons general cargo (through).

Kueichow (1,220) British, from Wei Hai Wei,—B. & S.—14 passengers, 19,802 packages general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hai Yang (1,363) British, from Swatow,—Lee Fat Co.—411 passengers, 500 tons general cargo (through).

Bearport (3,729) American, from Amoy,—Swayne & Hoyt.

Malaya (5,512) Danish, from Shanghai,—J. Manners & Co.—5 passengers, 20 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 8,400 tons general (through).

Hanoi (630) French, from Fort Bayard,—M. M.—13 passengers, 480 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Taipoosek (1,219) French, from Fort Bayard,—Shun Cheong S.S. Co.—273 passengers, 580 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Awa Maru (3,748) Japanese, from Shanghai,—N. Y. K.—46 passengers, 759 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,995 tons general (through).

Daiboshi Maru (1,655) Japanese, from Karatsu,—M. B. K.—2,916 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Morioka Maru (3,096) Japanese, from Singapore,—N. Y. K.—7 passengers, 970 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,090 tons general (through).

Sungshan Maru (1,503) Japanese, from Swatow,—N. Y. K.—104 passengers, 263 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 447 tons general (through).

Shui Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao,—Hoo Hing S.S. Co.—35 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Fuk Tai (1,016) Chinese, from Fort Wallet,—Wallem & Co.—2 passengers, 2,200 tons coal (through).

Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from Autau,—Fook Hoi Co.—107 passengers, 10 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

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For Samarinda:—Chung Woo.
For Swatow:—Hydrangea, Deli Maru.
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For Autau:—Tak Hing.
For Canton:—Wai Shing.
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Chinese	3	5	15
Danish	1	1	1
French	2	0	2
American	1	1	1
Norwegian	0	0	13
Panama	0	0	1
Dutch	0	0	5
Portuguese	0	0	3
Mexican	0	0	1
	16	13	71

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived in Hong Kong from the United Kingdom by the s.s. "Hector" on January 12 were:—

Mr. G. R. Allen, Col. J. M. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. H. Birkett, Mrs. Carey, Miss Carey (2), Dr. J. C. C. Donelan, Mrs. H. Caldwell, Mrs. A. M. Jones, Miss Jones, Master Jones (2), Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Jureidini, Mr. T. Jureidini, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Knight, Mr. J. C. Moxon, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Van Nieuwinhyuse, Mr. R. W. Ogle, Capt. E. Prigent, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rushton, Mr. Wells, Mr. B. C. Alexander, Mrs. G. P. Black, Mrs. Baker, Mr. A. J. H. Carey, Capt. J. C. Daily, Col. and Mrs. A. Dugale, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dunne, Mr. and Mrs. A. Darlington, Mrs. E. W. Fearon, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. H. Grice, Miss Grice, Mrs. C. A. Howard, Miss E. R. Jansen, Mr. H. S. Kennett, Mr. T. McDougall, Mrs. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. G. North, Miss North (2), Miss E. M. Parkhill, and Mr. H. J. V. K. Stevenson.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The M.V. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on December 6 and is due here today.

The B. I. s.s. "Takliwa" left Amoy for this port yesterday at p.m., and is due here this evening.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nellore" left Singapore for this port on January 10 at 8 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on January 15 at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Yokohama yesterday at 9 a.m. left Yokohama same day at 5 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on January 19 at 11 a.m. She will sail for Manila on January 20 at 5 p.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. A. J. Hailey, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 25.

TWO SISTERS.

DECLARED LEGITIMATE AFTER 65 YEARS.

BIRTH SECRET.

Two sisters, one aged sixty-six and the other sixty-five, the daughters of a barrister who was educated at Cambridge, have obtained a declaration of legitimacy in the Divorce Court.

The application was made to Mr. Justice Bateson on their behalf under the Legitimacy Declaration Act of last year.

The birth in each case was recorded in the register on the information of the mother, who was married, on October 25, 1864. Six sons and a daughter were born after the marriage. The mother died in 1878, and her husband in 1894.

One of the women stated she did not know of her illegitimacy until she desired to be confirmed in 1881, when her father said: "You cannot be confirmed because you have not been baptised, and you were not baptised because when you were born your mother and I were not married."

The eldest brother of the women said that he always remembered the two sisters being with the family. The father, by his will, left £3,000 to one of them and £2,000 to the other.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

January 12, 1928.

Messrs. G. Appelbaum, Geo. S. Aveyard.
Messrs. G. A. Palham Browne, R. J. Birbeck, N. C. Berry, G. Boffa, S. G. Boydell, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown, Mr. Birchall.
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Col. C. B. Follett, Mr. J. C. Finch.
Messrs. N. P. Gadjew, A. S. Goring, R. D. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Gellion, Miss A. M. Grant.
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Mr. J. E. Joseph.
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Messrs. J. W. Maas, Meissner.
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Mr. F. da Silva, Dr. and Mrs. J. Sheahan and Masters Sheahan.
Mr. G. Wragge.

THEODORE LANGER.

AUSTRIAN WIZARD'S LAST INVENTION.

TO ELIMINATE FOG.

Theodore Langer, who was formerly an Austrian engine-driver, and who died in Vienna recently, is believed to have left an invention which will free London or any other city from fogs.

Langer, who was known as the "magician of gases" began life as a stoker on a railway.

He was fascinated by the picture of the whirling gases obtained through the observation window of the firebox, and started experimenting to see how smoke could be eliminated and fuel saved. Eight years later he had sold his first patent—the steam jet playing on the fire to keep down smoke—to an American consortium for £70,000.

This jet has been used since then in every civilised country to reduce smoke.

His last invention has been adapted in every factory in Budapest, and is being installed on all Austrian railways.

It was described as follows:—

A scalding jet of steam in the form of a pyramid plays from the back of the fire-box of a locomotive on the fire-box floor.

Steam Pyramid.

This ensures that the half-burnt gases with their contents of minute coal fragments (which when combined become smoke) are driven by the steam pyramid over the glowing coals again, and practically completely consumed. Any escape is trapped by a second Langer invention, a series of fans arranged in the funnel like the ribs of a venetian blind, which chill the hot smoke and force any remaining dust to the floor.

The result, which has been tested in practice and in constant use, has proved that these two devices do obliterate any smoke.

A Budapest firm which had constantly been prosecuted for smoke nuisance recently fitted the two appliances to their boilers.

The result was miraculous. It is now practically impossible to tell by looking at its chimney stacks whether a fire is burning below them or not.

The corporation of Budapest, missing a useful source of income in the fines of this reformed soot-producer, made inquiries, which have resulted in the drafting of a by-law to force every factory within the city boundaries to instal these appliances. Vienna is also experimenting in the samee direction.

Langer stated before his death that he believed his invention would relieve any city from fogs which were directly caused by smoke from factory chimneys. He emphasised, however, that it could not be adapted to household fires.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Secretary for War, left London for his tour of Indian military stations.

Hassin Ben Ayachi, the head of a distinguished Arab family, died at Tunis at the age of 120.

A new journal has made its appearance at Shanghai, published every morning except Mondays. It is the Shanghai "Morning Post," and is edited by Mr. Francis Zia.

Mr. W. H. Anderson, of Messrs. Dickson and Co., Ltd., London, and chairman of the Glen Muar Rubber Estates, Ltd., is at present on a visit to this country in connection with his rubber interests.—M.M.

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ATLAS MARU .....Monday, 6th February.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
MONTEVIDEO MARU .....Friday, 10th February.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
SUMATRA MARU (calls at Karachi).Friday, 20th January.
HONOLULU MARU .....Friday, 3rd February.
SHINGO MARU .....Tuesday, 7th February.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU .....Tuesday, 31st January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU .....Tuesday, 24th January.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.
AFRICA MARU (from Shanghai)....Monday, 23rd January.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
MENADO MARU .....Tuesday, 17th January, 10 a.m.
TAIKWA MARU .....Tuesday, 31st January, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
HAVANA MARU .....Friday, 6th January.
JAPAN PORTS
AMAZON MARU .....Saturday, 14th January.
INDO MARU .....Sunday, 15th January.
BINGO MARU .....Tuesday, 24th January.
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU .....Sunday, 15th January, 11 a.m.
TAIKWA MARU .....Wednesday, 18th Jan., 10 a.m.
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KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,853	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apl.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th April	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
KASHGAR	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th June	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd June	Marseilles & London

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TAKADA	6,949	21st Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,135	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KARMALA	9,128	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*NAGPORE	5,283	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
*LAHORE	5,252	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	18th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MALWA	10,986	27th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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SOME NATIVE BELIEFS.

"The tropical forest is shrouded with a gloom that is not of this world. It is at once a marvel and a terror."

The speaker was sitting in a chair at the Royal Colonial Institute, a man of commanding presence and over 6 feet in height. He is Dr. Charles Hose, who has returned to England after 25 years spent in Sarawak, the strange part of Borneo which is an independent State within the British Empire and has an area of 60,000 square miles.

To a representative of the "Sunday Times" Dr. Hose said the natives of Sarawak comprised some half-dozen tribes, and one of his duties was to keep the peace and inculcate a respect for law and order.

Spreading of Rumour.

"The primitive Bornean can be forgiven for his fear of some evil lurking in the dense jungle," he said. "The tropical forest must be visited to be realised. With its dense mass of trees and undergrowth and foliage and its wealth of wild life, both beneficent and fearsome, it has always struck me as nearer to the early state of the world than anything surviving on the face of the globe. It is a land of gorgeous beauty and of primeval terror.

"What effects of fear cannot the weird sounds and unseen dwellers of the creeper-clad forest exercise on the simple but sensitive minds of the jungle dweller? Among people living in isolated villages, with only jungle paths and rivers as their means of contact with the Government and its officers, it is easy to understand how rumours, especially where fear, superstition, or malice are aroused, spread, and grow as they spread. One of the most remarkable phenomena in native life is the rapidity with which rumour travels.

"Very often in cases of panics, actual or anticipated, Government interference has been necessary to avert a catastrophe. A case in point was the occasion of the total eclipse of the sun. We started our plan of preventing a scare two months before by sending information to every chief whom it was possible to reach. Each one was given a strip of rattan, knotted according to the custom prevalent among all natives of the interior, so as to mark the exact number of days that would elapse before the eclipse; these strips they were instructed to carry about with them, removing one each night, and were told to spread the information as widely as possible.

Incantations and Dragons.

"On the actual date of the eclipse crowds of boats from all parts came down the river, and I arranged that a gun should be fired exactly an hour before the eclipse began. When this order became known the various peoples were affected in various ways. Some of the older people brought kerosine oil in large quantities; they had seen a previous eclipse, but were afraid that on this occasion the sun might go out permanently as it had nearly done so before.

"Others thought that the moon was about to be devoured by a dragon, and devised various charms, spells, and incantations to scare the monster away. When the eclipse began there was terrific excitement, men yelling, women becoming hysterical, gongs being beaten, and incantations being shouted to drive away the dragon. However, everything passed off without trouble. When daylight was once more restored all was well; but what disasters might have occurred had not these precautions been taken it is hard to say.

Human Sacrifice.

"In Borneo human sacrifice is the survival of a very old custom. The idea was that if Mother Earth was disturbed by the works of man, she could best be appeased by the sacrifice of human lives by those who disturbed her. In time these sacrifices became less real in their importance. Old men and slaves sufficed until in the course of time domestic animals and chickens, or heads taken in battle, to ensure the fertility of the soil and the prosperity of community, becoming the symbols of sacrifice.

"In 1894 there was a widespread and devastating panic in Sarawak. Its origin seems to have been connected with the building of a large reservoir. It was rumoured that the Government required a number of human heads as a form of sacrifice, and that men were sent out at night to procure these heads. The inhabitants were seized with terror. People did not dare to venture out at night.

"In the outlying districts the occupants of isolated houses moved into the house of one family for safety. What made things worse was that some ill-disposed persons took advantage of the panic to commit murder. It was some time before people became convinced that the rumour was untrue."

One of the enterprises associated with Dr. Hose's work in Sarawak was the development of the oil resources of the State. Thanks to his initiative, Sarawak is now recognised as a potential oil-bearing field of great importance.

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T'tau via Swatow & S'hai	FOOSHING	Sun., 29th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Osaka v. Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Wed., 18th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Osaka v. Amoy, Moji & Kobe	LAISANG	Wed., 25th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Canton	YATSHING	Tues., 17th Jan., at 2 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	NAMSANG	Wed., 1st Feb., at 3 p.m.
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ANTI-CHINESE RIOTS.

WAICHIAOPU'S PROTEST TO JAPAN.

Peking, Dec. 26.

The Waichiaopu early last week lodged a protest with the Japanese Legation following receipt of reports from the Chinese Consul-General in Seoul that there were anti-Chinese disturbances in certain parts of Korea. The protest requested the Japanese authorities to devise ways and means to curb these outbreaks at once.

Mr. Yoshizawa replied to the protest on Saturday, pointing out that the information conveyed by the Chinese Consul is slightly at variance with the facts and that the Japanese authorities tried their best to curb the agitation. The Japanese further said that the agitation arose from the illtreatment of Koreans in Manchuria and that if the Chinese authorities revised their attitude toward them, the movement in Korea would die a natural death.—"Kuo Wen."

STRANGE THREAT.

"FLEE WITH ME OR DIE."

"Flee with me or die," cried Paolina Pizzo, a fifteen-year-old Palermo girl, the pretty daughter of an Italian millionaire, pointing a revolver at Giuseppi Marchesi, a good looking mechanic and a friend of the family.

Marchesi hesitated. "Kidnap me or I will kill you," repeated Paolina, whereupon Marchesi accompanied the girl to her motor car. On the morrow he returned with the pistol to Paolina's father and asked him to fetch his daughter back immediately. Paolina, delighted to figure as the heroine in a kidnapping drama, went home quietly.

The happy father has promised that she shall marry Marchesi when she is older.

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. are in receipt of advice by cable that the new insurance effected in 1927 was $15,400,000 and the total insurance in force is now $80,000,000.

Mr. C. L. Green, partner in Messrs. Osborne and Chappell, sailed for Home on furlough on January 5. Mr. Green has been a prominent figure in rugger circles, having played for Perak for several seasons. He was a member of last year's team which won the Cup.—T.O.M.

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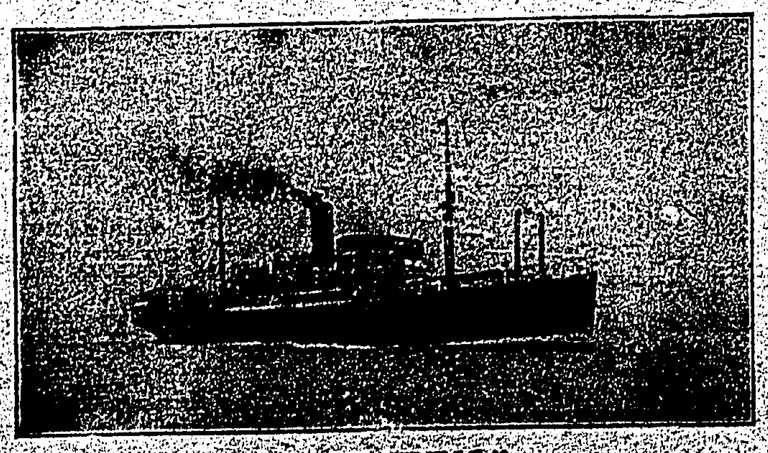

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THE CRUISER QUESTION.

The publication of the United States' naval programme has somewhat cleared the air of mystery which surrounded the cruiser question. This particular question, it may be remembered, was the "snag" upon which the Geneva conference for the limitation of naval armaments was suspended high and dry. Now, however, we know that America is to build another twenty-five cruisers. That she requires them for national defence and for the purpose of "showing the flag" on the high seas is immaterial. She has voted for them and can afford to build them. What is material is a brief analysis of Britain's position vis-a-vis this new building programme, and our attitude in the matter.

All reports agree that the new cruisers, without exception, will be ships of 10,000 tons, armed with eight-inch guns. At present the American Navy contains thirty cruisers of various types, but all save ten are antiquated. The ten modern units were begun after the war and they are armed with twelve six-inch guns of exceptional range. They comprise a squadron which in speed and power has no counterpart in any other fleet. Three years hence they will be joined by the eight 10,000 tons "Treaty" cruisers now under construction. The completion of the new programme, therefore, even when we allow for the replacement of twenty-two obsolete cruisers, will give America a most formidable cruiser fleet, actually superior to our own or any we contemplate possessing. For of ships comparable in size, speed and armament the British Navy—including all vessels now building and on order, and the two Australian ships—will have only twenty-one, and whereas six of these (four Hawkins and two Emeralds) were built during the war, all the American ships are of post-war design. In what are termed "light cruisers," vessels of less than five thousand tons, armed with six-inch guns, we would still retain a considerable margin of superiority, but in fighting power, speed and radius these ships are hopelessly inferior to the "Treaty" type of vessel.

Such is—or will be—the cruiser position; and now that America has declared herself perhaps all the talk and heartburning regarding "naval supremacy" and "naval aces" will be allowed to drop. America has made it plain that she intends to go as she pleases in the matter of naval armaments, and Britain has uttered a similar determination. Mr. Wickham Stead, the editor of the "English Review of Reviews," is now in the United States and wherever he goes, he tells us, he is being asked what Britain is going to do about it. His reply has always been: "We shall do as we like. We will not attempt to out-build you, but will construct according to our requirements." So much then, for America and Britain. Japan, the other Power that participated in the Geneva Conference, has shewn distinct disinterestedness, and France and Italy and the other Powers that doubt did not even trouble to attend the Conference. So, it seems, the disarmament problem is ceasing to exist as a problem; that all we have to do—and all we can do—is to sit back and watch the other fellow.

NORTON'S GANG.

MERRY NEW SHOW BY THE GLOBE TROTTERS.

Mr. Dick Norton's merry band again stepped out spiritedly last night at the Star Theatre where the Globe Trotters presented an entire change of programme.

They scored from the outset, their opening number being such that they carried the audience with them all the way.

Miss Lella Forbes, Leo Brooker and Dick Norton put up a sparkling little sketch in the first part of the programme called "Fooling Father," and there was also a series of rather clever potted plays. Miss Betty Norton gave some of her old favourites, and "Half a Moon" was a very pretty musical sketch.

At the piano Miss Linnell and Miss Garrett entertained whilst Mr. Charles Repper executed some classical pieces. Most of the company joined in "An Awkward Moment" and Miss de Lisle danced prettily in Scotch costume.

DOUBLE MURDER.

CHINESE GUNNER CONVICTED.

PRISONER'S STATEMENT.

Chan Hung and Chu Chi-chuen, charged in connection with the shooting affray in the early hours of the morning of December 7 when four gunmen fired on a police picket resulting in Sergeant McMahon and several other Indian and Chinese policemen being wounded—two Chinese fatally—were yesterday committed by Major C. Will...n and Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell, respectively.

Chan Hung is the man who is charged with the double murder of the two Chinese policemen.

When his committal was announced, Chan Hung said: "The sooner I am convicted the less I shall be offended."

Before the accused's committal, further evidence of the running fight and the shooting which resulted in the deaths of a Chinese detective and a Yaumati wharf searcher who was unarmed, was given by Chan Chun, Chinese constable No. C454. This witness also spoke as to wounding the accused when he and another constable opened fire together in Des Vœux Road Central.

Cautioned before his committal, the accused Chan Hung said that he had nothing to say and no witnesses to call. Then, as an after thought, he made the statement quoted above.

He was committed to stand his trial at the February Criminal Sessions.

Another Chinese.

Chu Chi-chuen, charged with shooting to kill, shooting to avoid arrest, and armed robbery, was also committed to the February Criminal Sessions by Mr. Lindsell.

Detective Inspector Lane, who handed in arms and ammunition picked up in the street in the line of the police chase subsequent to the commission of the armed robbery at the Wei Sun Coffee Shop at Queen's Road West. Amongst those arms was a five-barrelled gun taken from the defendant, and from which one round had been fired.

Inspector Lane also deposed that, called on the morning of the shooting affray between Sergeant McMahon's picket and the armed gang, to Wing Lok Street, he found the dead body of a man who was subsequently identified by fokis from the coffee shop as one of the robbers.

Evidence was also given of the accused's identification at a parade held at Police Headquarters by the Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Mr. L. H. V. Booth). Accused was picked out from the 14th position by fokis of the coffee-shop from a row of 19 men, who were of the same build and appearance and who were also similarly dressed.

Accused's Statement.

After being cautioned, accused, in reply to the charge of armed robbery, stated that formerly he was in "legitimate business," but after having a casual talk with a man named Chan Yau he was handed a gun by the latter and made to accompany him to the coffee-shop. There they had a meal, and the cost, amounting to 80 cents had already been paid and he (accused) was going out of the shop when he was pulled back by Chan Yau. He (accused) then produced the gun and covered the inmates. They then opened the safe, took the money and bound up the fokis. After the robbery, Chan Yau let him go first.

Replying to his Worship, accused added that he was formerly a business man, who dealt in native medicine and also in clocks and watches.

Charge of Shooting.

With regard to the second charge of shooting at one of the Chinese constables of the picket with intent to kill him, accused, after being again cautioned, stated that when they reached the Western Market they encountered three or four policemen who demanded to search his person after telling him to put up his hands, which he did.

Three or four policemen threw their arms around him and took away his gun. It was Chan Yau who drew his gun and fought the police with it.

His Worship: What answer is this to the charge against you? That is no answer at all. The charge is that you yourself fired a shot at the police with the intention of murdering him. What you have said so far has got nothing to do with it.

Accused: I was searched by three or four policemen, and my gun had already been taken from me.

Complete Denial.

His Worship: Are you denying that you ever fired any shot?—Yes.

You don't attempt to explain why your gun, which has five chambers, has an empty shell?—

Accused made no statement relative to that point.

The third charge in the list of indictments was an alternative count, that of shooting at the constable to evade arrest. To this the accused had nothing to add beyond what he had already stated in reply to the other charges.

The fourth charge was that of being in unlawful possession of a loaded revolver.

To this, accused stated that Chan Yau handed the weapon to him in a public latrine at the Chinese Recreation Ground at Hollywood Road.

NONSENSE SONGS.

SPARKLING MUSICALE AT HELENA MAY.

PIECES FROM SHAKESPEARE.

The musicale held at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening was very successful. The programme comprised nonsense songs from "Alice in Wonderland," to Liza Lehmann's setting and songs from Shakespeare.

The programme given was as under:

Nonsense songs from "Alice in Wonderland," by Liza Lehmann.

Quartette.—"How doth the little Crocodile."

Solo (Bass).—"Fury said to the Mouse."

Duet (Tenor and Bass).—"You are old Father William."

Solo (Contralto).—"Speak roughly to your little boy."

Quartette.—"Will you walk a little faster."

Recit (Contralto).—"Oh! 'Tis Love!"

Solo (Tenor). — "Mockturtle Soup."

Solo (Soprano).—"The Queen of Hearts."

Quartette.—"They told me you had been to her."

Soprano: Mrs. Womack, Tenor: Mr. H. E. Gardner, Contralto: Mrs. Russell-Brown, Bass: Mr. R. A. Green.

Songs From Shakespeare.

Solo—"Under The Greenwood Tree" .....Roger Quilter. ("As You Like It.")

"Take, oh, take those lips away" Roger Quilter. (Measure for Measure).

Mrs. Bellamy.

Solo—"Oh, Mistress Mine" ("Twelfth Night") Roger Quilter.

Mr. Gardner.

Solo—"Blow, Blow, thou Winter Wind" .....Roger Quilter. ("King Lear.")

Mrs. Womack.

Duet.—"It was a Lover and his Lass" .....Walthew. ("As You Like It.")

Mrs. Womack and Mrs. Russell-Brown.

At the Piano: Mrs. Hargreaves Browne.

LOCAL WEDDING.

MR. F. H. PENTYCROSS—MISS U. McL. GUBBINS.

At St. John's Cathedral yesterday, the wedding took place of Una McLean Gubbins, daughter of Mr. J. H. Gubbins, C.M.G., formerly of the British Diplomatic service in Japan, and Mr. Frederic Hazel Pentycross, banker, of No. 357, The Peak.

The bride wore an ivory georgette picture frock with chiffon velvet train and a veil of Old Mechlin lace. She was given away by her brother-in-law, Dr. I. Newton, and was attended by three bridesmaids, the Misses Doreen Hynes, Ann Cookes, and Elizabeth Newton, who wore blue satin dresses in the Kate Greenaway style and carried bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums.

Mr. J. H. Ramsay acted as "best man" and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. R. Cannell.

After the reception which was held at St. John's Place, the bride and bridegroom left for Repulse Bay where they are spending the honeymoon. The bride's going-away costume was of red georgette with a black hat.

MANNEQUIN PARADE

JEWELS AND DRESSES WORTH £1,000,000.

PARISIAN'S DISPLAY.

Jewels and dresses valued at a million pounds sterling were worn at a mannequin parade when the Parisian, Paul Caret gave a display of Riviera fashions in Mayfair Hotel. They included pearl necklaces valued at from £100,000 to £65,000, an emerald necklace worth £30,000, diamond bracelets and brooches worth £10,000, each a diamond ring worth £20,000, and a pair of diamond pearl earrings worth £30,000.

There were many jewels with historic associations, including the diamond cross which belonged to the last Emperor of Brazil, and others worn by the late Empress of Austria. The Russian Crown jewels did not appear owing to the presence of some members of the Tsarist Court in London. The firms lending the jewellery paid insurance equivalent to £200 a minute. Numerous detectives were present and every light switch was guarded.

The dresses ranged from clinging velvety materials to gold and silver brocades.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

During a scarlet fever epidemic, a doctor was himself threatened with the contagious disease.

When his little son, who was of a very affectionate disposition, came to embrace him before retiring, he said. "My boy, you mustn't hug me. You'll catch the scarlet fever."

The little boy looked at his father for a moment in amazement. Then he asked: "Oh, daddy, who did you hug?"

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"I suggest, sir," roared the browbeating barrister, "that you are obviously an unscrupulous liar. Am I right?"

"Well," replied the mild-looking witness. "I suggest that you are obviously a perfect gentleman—and we're both about equally wrong."

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Brown: "What is the difference between a tramcar and a motor bicycle."

Jones: "Give it up."

Brown: "One is a public utility and the other is a public nuisance."

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The Vicar made a bad break the other day. At the close of the anthem he rose to preach, and tactlessly chose the text, "Now when the noise had ceased—"

But the choir got their own back. At the end of the long prosy sermon they rose and spontaneously burst into the anthem, "And when we awoke from our sleep."

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A small part actress had had a violent row with the manager, and was telling her admirer all about it. He was very indignant.

"Surely," he said, "the other girls will stand by you, darling."

"Oh," replied the ill-treated lady, "they've all offered to take my part, if that's what you mean."

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A rather deaf woman found herself sitting beside a well-known surgeon at a social dinner. He was not a talkative man, and try as she might, the old lady could not think of any conversation.

At last she had an idea.

"Should I call you Dr. Dobbs or Mr. Dobbs?" she asked, with a charming smile.

"Call me anything you like," replied the doctor, and, added genially—"Some of my friends call me an old fool!"

"Ah," she rejoined, not hearing correctly, but anxious to be pleasant, "those are the people who know you intimately, of course!"

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"I seem to have run out of gas," he said, and muttered to himself, "Here's where I do some fast work."

The girl's face, small and white, was turned up to his, her eyes glowing dizzily from beneath heavy lids. Her head swam. Her red lips were parted and she sighed faintly.

Slowly he bent over her.

Why not? He was her dentist.

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Effie had been to the Zoo for the first time, and had seen many queer creatures.

"But there aren't really such animals, are there, Mother?" she said.

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Smith: "I want to buy a rug as a present for my wife."

Assistant: "What colour, sir?"

Smith: "Here, match the ashes from this cigar. I want to cause her as little work as possible."

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"But I'm not exceeding the limit!"

"Aren't you? That's my girl you're with!"

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One old expert at the recent British Advertising Exhibition told a story to illustrate the difficulties the art of advertising had to encounter when he was young.

He was advising a shopkeeper in a sleepy country town how to call attention to a sale. He suggested a banner right across the street.

The shopkeeper looked doubtful.

"Oh," he objected, "but that would be so very conspicuous, wouldn't it?"

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A couple apparently from Manchester, staying at a Bournemouth hotel, were visited one evening by three friends. As a result of the usual hospitable question, an order was given for "One stout, one lemon squash, and three aigs."

The waiter returned with two drinks and three eggs.

"Ere, what's this?" demanded the giver of the order. "It ain't breakfast time."

"You said three eggs, sir," replied the waiter. "No, Ah didn't, was the indignant retort. "Ah said three 'Aigs—'Aigs whisky, as plain as Ah could speak!"

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Estate Agent (proposing): "Marry me, darling! I've got a lovely flat; all modern conveniences, near station two minutes' from shops, cheerful situation, and——"

Modern Miss (derisively): "Stop! You make me go h and c all over!"

STRONG TO THE TOP!

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moulding of their characters so as to fit them for the occupations of their after years. We have carried through the year's work steadily and on the whole well. The standard of work as judged by examinations seems to be getting slightly harder. The actual courses of work done are systematic, broad, and helpful.

Boys are coming to us younger than they are used to do. The Director of Education has demanded that in future the limit of age to Class 8 be made a year younger still. The age of a Chinese boy between 0 and 20 years shows remarkable elasticity. This is bound up with Chinese methods of reckoning birth and their sixty-year-cycle.

Parents' Duties.

But I should like to emphasise for the benefit of Chinese parents that the object of the Director of Education in making the age limit under 13 for Class 8 was not to increase this elasticity but simply to get the boys younger.

There is another matter, too, which I should like to emphasise to parents.

A great many parents use every effort to get their sons into the school, and this is all to their credit. But when they have secured this they think their duties are finished. But they have a far more important and constant duty and that is, to see that their sons or wards work well, keenly and systematically during the years while they are here.

In the lower school 376 boys were examined and of these 303 or 80½% passed. In Class 3 we examined 174 boys, and of these 93 or 53½% passed.

Pass Percentage.

In the previous year the percentage of passes in the lower school and upper school were respectively 85%. We enter all boys in Class 2 for the Junior Local Examinations. This year for the Junior Local Examination we presented 108 students (67 from Q.C., 41 from K.C.). Of these 45 passed or 42%, gaining 59 distinctions. Of these students 67 were Q.C. boys of whom 36 passes or 53%, gaining 44 distinctions. Last year 51 entered for the Junior and 22 passed, or 43%; gaining 8 distinctions. 41 boys were from K.C. Classes. Of these 9 passed or 22% with six distinctions.

Scholarship Successes.

We enter the whole of Class one for the Senior Local and Matriculation Examinations. This year we presented 30 boys. Of these 24 passed, or 80%. Twelve of these were in the Matriculation and 12 in the Senior Local, with 8 distinctions and one boy Li Kai-yeung in the honours list. Last year we presented 28 boys of whom 20 passed or 71%.

Last year we won the King Edward VII Scholarship in double measure; two students qualifying for it. This year, owing to the fact that the results from the outports are not complete the award of this highly valued scholarship has not yet been announced.

Former Pupils.

We hope that these successful boys in their future careers will do us no less credit than their predecessors have done and are doing. We are pleased to see that among those whom the University has honoured this year are some of our former pupils. The Ho Fook Scholarship at the University which is the award to the best student in the Arts Course, 2nd Year has been awarded to Kwong Sik-kwong, our Senior Morrison Scholar of two years ago. And in the 3rd Year at the University the Chan Kai-ming Scholarship which is the award to the best student in 3rd Year, Arts Course has been awarded to Chang Iu-man, a Senior Morrison Scholar of three years ago. These results are very gratifying. It is also a pleasure to be able to say that this year the Trustees of our Morrison Scholarship Fund have not only increased the Senior Morrison Scholarship to $150, but have introduced an Intermediate Morrison Scholarship, and have also increased the Junior Morrison Scholarship to $100 to meet the increase of fees in the Upper School.

Junior Locals.

Then of the sixteen graduates who were capped a few days ago no less than 6 are alumni of this College. And of the Medical Graduates, two.

We present all boys in Class 2 for the Junior Local Examination and no boy who fails in the Junior can be promoted to Class 1 or presented for the Matriculation until he has passed the Junior. It seems to me to be most important that the Head Masters of Schools concerned should refuse to present any boy for the Senior Local or Matriculation who does not already hold a Junior Local certificate.

To facilitate the work of the Head Masters of Schools and to prevent fraud I venture to suggest to the University Authorities that every certificate given to a student for passing the Junior, Senior, or Matriculation Examination should bear the photo of the successful candidate, and, if he is a Chinese student his name in Chinese characters as well as the Romanised form. As is well known the spelling in the Romanised forms varies almost beyond recognition. Neither of these suggestions should be so difficult a matter as may appear at first sight, for the Authorities already demanded three photos from every student with his application form, and the Chinese characters for the student's name.

Digs At Education.

No subject is the butt of so many of such virulent attacks as education. Every would-be reformer has a dig at it. Mr. Wells in one of his more serious works says:—"In no part of our social life is dull traditionalism so powerfully entrenched as it is in our educational organisation." Prof. Schiller in one of his vitriolic works says:—"Great as is the vogue of humbug in politics, it is even greater in education."

But there is another side to this question. Education is bound up with the past as well as with the future. No system which fails to recognise the great heritage of the past, to reverence it and hand it on improved can hope to be a stable or successful future.

Many of those who have passed through school readily acknowledge that they have forgotten most of the subjects they were then taught. But even granting this they gratefully recognise not only the happiness of their school days but the worth of the school tradition and training. They would be more inclined to sum up the value of their early school education in the words of one of our poets:—

"It's good to see the school we knew,
The land of youth and dream,
To greet again the rule we knew
Before we took the stream:
Though long we've missed the sight of her,
Our hearts may not forget;
We've lost the old delight of her,
We keep her honour yet."

"Going Strong."

H.E. The Governor said:—

Mr. Headmaster,—I congratulate you on the very satisfactory report which you have presented for the year 1927. It was a difficult year for Queen's College, because owing to the requirements of the Shanghai Defence Force it became necessary for you to accommodate a large part of the pupils of King's College. The smooth working of so difficult an arrangement reflects great credit on the staff and administrative organisation of Queen's College and I think you for the manner in which you helped to solve an awkward problem. King's College, I am glad to say, has since the beginning of this year reoccupied its own premises. (Applause).

The percentage of passes in matriculation and senior and junior local examinations obtained by Queen's College is creditable. The school continues to do good work and maintains its position as the premier school of the Colony. I commend to you, masters and boys alike, as your motto for this year, the last record made by those who watched Mallory and Irvine attempting to reach the summit of Mount Everest—"Going strong for the top!" (Appaluse).

I wish you all every happiness and success in the New Year.

The headmaster than led cheers for His Excellency which were given with gusto.

Year's Awards.

Scholarship List:—

Senior Morrison Scholarship, Li Kai-yeung.

Intermediate Morrison Scholarship, Pau Koon-tat.

Blake Scholarship, Chan Kam-tai.

Wright Scholarship, Lau Iu-sum.

Senior Bellilios Scholarship, Chan Wai-hau.

Ho Tung Scholarship, Chow Kwok-sik.

Ho Kam-tong Scholarship, D. Hunt.

Lee Hy-san Scholarship, M. R. Abbas.

Ho Fook Scholarship, Mok Ying-ki.

Junior Bellilios Scholarship, Li Shing-yung.

Lugard Scholarship, Lau Ping-kwong.

Junior Morrison Scholarship, Lo Chi-kai.

Alfred J. May Scholarship, Shum Tsok-shu.

Full Government Free Scholarship for three years:—Ko Ping-chuen, Hung Man-chiu, Ip Kam-wing, Li Ka-tit, Leung Kwok-tsoi, Leung Wai-luen, and Fung Kam-lo.

Full Government Free Scholarship (Class 5 to 4), Chu Cheechak; A. W. Grant Scholarship, Tam Chun-lam; H. Wing Scholarship, Shiu Tat-luen; Ho Iu Scholarship, Wong Kin-chik; Full Government Free Scholarship (Class 6 to 5), Lai Li-ying; Ho Kwong Scholarship, Kwok Kam-lun; T. K. Dealy Scholarship, Wong Kwok-tsoi; Full Government Free Scholarship (Class 7 to 6), Luk Man-lok; Ng Iu Scholarship, Lai Kam-tong; E. Ralphs Scholarship, Tsoi Chak-lam; Full Government Free Scholarship (Class 8 to 7), Pun Hang-cheung; Tsang Chung Scholarship, Fong Chun-kwan; and Kong Ki-fai Scholarship, Wu Tse-po.

Special Prizes:—

Ralphs Head Prefect Medal, Cheung King-pak.

Machell Memorial Prize, T. O. Edwards.

Henry G. Leong Prize for Composition, Wei Hee (Class 1), D. Hung (Class 2), and Lee Hau-mo (Class 3).

Rumjahn Prize for Literature, Yeung Shui-hung.

Prize for Mathematics (Class 1), Tang Hung-fai; and (Class 2), Wong Mung-fei.

Composition Prize:—

C. 2A, D. Hunt.

F. 3B, Liu Fook-hong.

C. 3A, Wong Yat-hing.

3 Non-Chi., A. H. Ismail.

K. 3A, Wei Tso-wang.

History Prizes:—

F. 3A, Mok Ying-ki.

C. 3A, Li Shing-yung.

C. 3B, Lau Kwok-cheong.

3 Non-Chi., A. H. Ismail.

K. 3A, Lau Tak-cheuk.

K. 3B, Wu Hung-tak.

Special Translation Prizes:—

Grade 1: Li Kai-yeung, F. 1; and Chow Kwok-sik, F. 2A.

Grade 2: Chan Chiu, F. 3A; and Lai Chi-cheung.

Grade 3: Fung Kam-ho; and So Ming-mun.

Special Vernacular Prizes:—Chan Tso-cheong, So Tsang-yee, Lo Hau-ting, Tam Yuk-tsun, and Ngan Kwai-tong.

Distinction Prizes (Matriculation and Senior Local):—Li Kai-yeung, Tang Hung-fai, Chan Wai-hau, Yeung Shiu-hung, Chan Wai-hon, and Yu Pak-chuen.

Junior Local:—Li Ka-tung, Tse Kong-in, Fung Hing-kan, J. Hunt, So Kai-sang, Cheung Kig-chiu, Chiu Pat-po, Chow Kwok-sik, Ho Hung-chiu, D. Hunt, Li Fuk-cho, Li Ka-ying, Pang Ying-chan, Harbans Singh, Wong Mun-fai, M. R. Abbas, Bashir Ahmed, Chan Po-ying, Chau Ching-hoi, Chau Ho-man, Fung Tin-yau, Leung Mo-shun, Lee Chung-hon, Ling Kam-hon, Lo Hoi-iu, Tam Yuk-tsun, Wong Kam-ming, Wong Wing-hang, and Woo Yuk-fan.

Class Prizes:—

F. 1, 1st Prize, Wei Hee; and 2nd Prize, Pang Iu-ki.

C. 1, 1st Prize, Yuen Chin-fan; and 2nd Prize, Tang Hung-fai.

F. 2A, 1st Prize, Tsee Kong-in; and 2nd Prize, Li Ka-tung.

F. 2B, 1st Prize, Li Fuk-cho; and 2nd Prize, Wat Hoi-ki.

C. 2, 1st Prize, Pang Ying-chan; and 2nd Prize, Jack Hunt.

K. 2A, 1st Prize, Chiu Pat-po; and 2nd Prize, Fung Hing-kam.

K. 2B, 1st Prize, Lau Shing-ki.

F. 3A, 1st Prize, Lai Chi-cheong; and 2nd Prize, Li Hau-mo.

F. 3B, 1st Prize, Lai Fuk-hang; and 2nd Prize, Fung Yin-ho.

C. 3A, 1st Prize, Hoi Cheung-yuen; and 2nd Prize, Chan Chi-chu.

C. 3B, 1st Prize, Lau Kwok-cheong; and 2nd Prize, Lee Iu-cheong.

3 Non-Chi., 1st Prize, A. H. Danish; and 2nd Prize, A. H. Esmail.

K. 3A, 1st Prize, Lau Tak-cheuk; and 2nd Prize, Wai Po-kam.

K. 3B, 1st Prize, Lee Ping-cheong; and 2nd Prize, Tso Nai-keung.

Lower School, Prize List:—

4A, 1st Prize, Wong Yuk-yee; and 2nd Prize, Ng Chiu-ying.

4B, 1st Prize, Wong Hung-wa; and 2nd Prize, Ho Kwan-mo.

K. 4A, 1st Prize, Ip Tai-chiu; and 2nd Prize, Ma Shiu-hong.

K. 4B, 1st Prize, Ho Kwan-man; and 2nd Prize, Lau Man-ching.

5A, 1st Prize, Hung Mo-chiu; and 2nd Prize, Ho Yu-kin.

5B, 1st Prize, Cheung Hing-lee, and 2nd Prize, Lam Tin-yuen.

6A, 1st Prize, Leung Sik-kwan; and 2nd Prize, Ho Pak-hi.

6B, 1st Prize, Fung Kwong-hi; and 2nd Prize, Ip Chi-chiu.

7A, 1st Prize, Ng Chi-keung; and 2nd Prize, Lam Tat-tsoi.

7B, 1st Prize, Chiu Chung-po; and 2nd Prize, Ho Hung-pong.

8A, 1st Prize, Tong Po-fuk; and 2nd Prize, Yuen Hing-li.

8B, 1st Prize, Li Kwok-wai; and 2nd Prize, Leung Chi-yan.

8C, 1st Prize, Ko Koon-wa; and 2nd Prize, Fung Yee-man.

Vernacular Prize List (Upper School):—

F. 1, 1st Prize, Chan Kai-wa; and 2nd Prize, Cheung King-pak.

C. 1, 1st Prize, Yuen Chin-fan; and 2nd Prize, Chan Wai-hon.

F. 2A, 1st Prize, Chan Wai-lim; and 2nd Prize, Wong Mung-fai.

F. 2B, 1st Prize, Yuen Yue-cheung; and 2nd Prize, Wat Hoi-ki.

C. 2, 1st Prize, Wong Kam-ming; and 2nd Prize, Wong Wing-hang.

K. 2A, 1st Prize, Leung Mo-shun; and 2nd Prize, Ngan Yeung-ni.

K. 2B, 1st Prize, Lau Shing-ki.

F. 35A, 1st Prize, Lau Chi-chung; and 2nd Prize, Li Po-oun.

F. 3B, 1st Prize, So Tsang-yee; and 2nd Prize, Lui Fuk-hong.

C. 3A, 1st Prize, Hui Cheong-yuen; and 2nd Class, Kwan Fong-po.

C. 3B, 1st Prize, Lau Ho-ting; and 2nd Prize, Chan Kim-ling.

Vernacular Prizes (Lower School):—

4A, 1st Prize, Koo Wong-wan; and 2nd Prize, Liu Kwok-man.

4B, 1st Prize, Fung Kau-kwong; and 2nd Prize, Ip Koon-in.

K. 4A, 1st Prize, Yu Kam-kan; and 2nd Prize, Chan Sien-cheung.

K. 4B, 1st Prize, Lau Man-ching; and 2nd Prize, Lo Cheung-shum.

5A, 1st Prize, Ming-mun; and 2nd Prize, Tsui Shiu-sze.

5B, 1st Prize, Leung Yat-ho; and 2nd Prize, Fung Kui-fee.

6A, 1st Prize, Kan Kwan-chiu; and 2nd Prize, Chan Wai-nam.

6B, 1st Prize, Chan Yat-sang; and 2nd Prize, Tsui Hon.

7A, 1st Prize, Chan Ping-cheung; and 2nd Prize, Chan Shiu-shun.

7B, 1st Prize, Miu Yue-kit; and 2nd Prize, Leung Koon-tat.

8A, 1st Prize, Yuen Hin-li; and 2nd Prize, Wong Iu-wing.

8B, 1st Prize, Leung Chi-yan; and 2nd Prize, Fung Choi-lu.

8B, 1st Prize, Fung Yee-man; and 2nd Prize, Ko Koon-wa.

"WAR PAINT."

A new type of Western film, quite as exciting as the ordinary run but a great deal more convincing, comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday. According to a special advertisement in to-day's issue, this picture is "War Paint," the screen version of a stirring tale by Peter B. Kyne, author of "Cappy Ricks" and a dozen other popular novels. The leading players are the new screen star, Colonel Tim McCoy, the popular leading lady Pauline Starke and Karl Dane, "Slim" of "The Big Parade." The action of "War Paint" moves at a rapid pace and there are some thrilling moments when the greatest personal daring is exhibited. The camera work sets a new standard for Western films and the picture is notable for the interesting glimpses it gives of Red Indians and their customs.

GREEK LOAN.

NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED IN LONDON.

ISSUE OF £7,500,000.

Rugby, Yesterday.

It is officially anounced that the Greek Finance Minister has concluded his negotiations in London with an international financial syndicate headed by Hambro's Bank relative to the flotation of a Greek loan, and that the issue will be made in the near future. The loan will bear interest at six per cent., the total to be offered for subscription being £7,000,000.

The proceeds will be utilised mainly for currency stabilisation purposes. A portion of loan will also be employed for the refugee purposes.—British Wireless Service.

AFGHAN KING.

CROSSES THRESHOLD OF THE VALICAN.

GIFT FROM THE POPE.

Rome, Yesterday.

For the first time in the history of the world the King of Afghanistan passed the threshold of the Vatican. King Amanuallah had an half-hour's audience of the Pope. Contrary to usual custom he did not kneel nor did he kiss the Pope's hand, but merely bowed deeply.

The Pope presented him with an autographed photograph in a silver frame and conferred on him the Order of the Golden Spur.

The King of Italy conferred the collar of the Order of Annunciata, the highest Italian order, on King Amanullah, who conferred the highest Afghan order on the Crown Prince and Signor Mussolini.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC FLIGHTS.

A POSSIBLE TRI-WEEKLY SERVICE.

London, Yesterday.

Commander Burney has sailed for New York to discuss with American financiers the establishment of a tri-weekly British-American air service.—Reuter.

Zeppelin Nearly Ready.

Berlin, Yesterday.

L. Z.127 is receiving the finishing touches and will be ready for service at the beginning of May, planning to fly to New York and thence to Buenos Aires. It is hoped to continue round the world in two or three stages.—Reuter.

[A cable published on Wednesday stated:—There is a keen British-German race to be the first to operate the trans-Atlantic passenger airship service. Commander Burney, M.P., states that the Zeppelin Company is now working day and night at Friedrichshafen to complete the trans-Atlantic airship L.Z.127 by Octozer.]

JAPAN'S TRADE.

ADVERSE BALANCE FOR 1927.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Finance Department's foreign trade review for the year 1927 gives the following figures:

Formosa — Exports 44,500,000 yen; imports, 65,500,000 yen.

Koren—Exports, 28,000,000 yen; imports 113.9 million yen.

"Japan Proper"—Total exports 2,064.8 million yen; imports 2,356.8 million yen; adverse balance 292,000,000 yen.—Reuter.

LANCE TO GO.

ABOLISHED AS A WEAPON OF WAR.

Rugby, Yesterday.

An Army order states that it has been decided to abolish the lance as a weapon of war. Henceforth the lance will not be carried on field training but will be retained by lancer regiments for ceremonial purposes only. The training in the handling and the use of this weapon other than for ceremonial purposes will be discontinued forthwith.—British Wireless Service.

STEEL INDUSTRY.

RATE INCREASED BY GERMAN TRUST.

Dusseldorff, Yesterday.

Owing to the introduction of an eight-hours day and increased wages the German Steel Trust has increased the prices of raw steel by three to eight marks a ton for home consumption.—Reuter.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Star Theatre; The Globe Trotters in "Scenes and Screams," 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Fire Brigade."

To-day — World Theatre; "The Taxi Dancer."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Satan In Sables," 2.30 to 8.30 p.m.

January 14—Star Theatre, The Globe Trotters in "Scenes and Screams."

January 15-16—Queen's Theatre; "War Paint."

January 15-16—World Theatre; "It's The Old Army Game," 5.10 and 9.15; "Wong Tin Ba" (Chinese Drama), 2.30 and 7.15.

January 15-16—Star Theatre; "Tumblewoods."

January 15-16—Star Theatre, The Globe Trotters in "Pleasure Land."

January 17—Star Theatre; The Globe Trotters in "Incidents."

January 17-18—Queen's Theatre; "The Pleasure Buyers."

January 17-18—World Theatre; "The Lucky Lady," 5.10 and 9.15; "Wong Tin Ba" (Chinese Drama), 2.30 and 7.15.

January 17-18—Star Theatre; "Aloma of South Seas."

January 19-21—Queen's Theatre; "Out All Night."

January 19-21—World's Theatre; "The Desert's Toll."

January 19-21—Star Theatre; "The Gay Deceiver."

January 21—Hong Kong Hotel: Chinese New Years' Eve Carnival.

February 25— Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.

To-day—Annual Billiard Championship of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

January 14—Entries close for forthcoming Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

January 21—China New Year meeting (Fanling Hunt), Kwanti Race Course.

January 28—American lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club at L.R.C.

Meetings.

To-day—Annual meeting of St. David's Society, Prince's Building, 5.30 p.m.

January 16—General meeting of shareholders, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Bldg., noon.

January 19—H.K.V.D.C. annual meeting, Corps Headquarters.

January 27—Annual meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

February 9—Fortieth annual meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, 12.30 p.m.

Lammerts Auction.

January 14—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, household furniture and Miscellaneous goods, 11.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

January 14—Distribution of prizes at Ellis Kadoorie School, by the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, 10.30 a.m.

January 15—Opening of the Hotel Riviera, Macao, with special dinner; and dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

January 16—Debate in St. Peter's Y.M. Club House, 8.30 p.m.

January 22—Opening date of Photographic & Art Exhibition at Macao.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK

NOW DYING DOWN IN SINGAPORE.

LITTLE CAUSE FOR ALARM.

The outbreak of cholera which has been causing some alarm during the past week (says the "Singapore Free Press" of January 4), is now dying down gradually, according to the Chief Health Officer, who states that the number of cases being reported is growing smaller. Alarm was caused by the report that a number of lunatics at the Asylum had contracted the disease and these were immediately transferred to the quarantine station on St. John's Island, where they are at present being attended to by the medical staff, augmented by attendants from the asylum.

From another source it is understood that the outbreak is believed to have originated among the tongkangs in Singapore River. One Chinese has been found dead on Boat Quay, having contracted the disease, and two others from the same cause, one at Grove Road and the other from Owen Road. The Lunatic Asylum has been thoroughly disinfected throughout, and any suspected cases of cholera are immediately sent to the quarantine station for treatment. In this way it is believed the disease will shortly be under control. It is understood that there are at present about 353 patients at St. John's Island, suffering from various diseases. The occurrence of cholera has been confined to the coolie class.

Professor T. P. Noble, who was one of the delegates from Siam to the Congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine held at Calcutta, returned to Bangkok on December 20. Interviewed on behalf of the Siam "Observer," he said that an invitation had been received from Peking to hold the next Congress there in 1930, but that the delegates had been in favour of meeting next in Bangkok if an invitation were received. Among the speakers in Calcutta were Dr. F. D'Herelle and Sir J. C. Bose.

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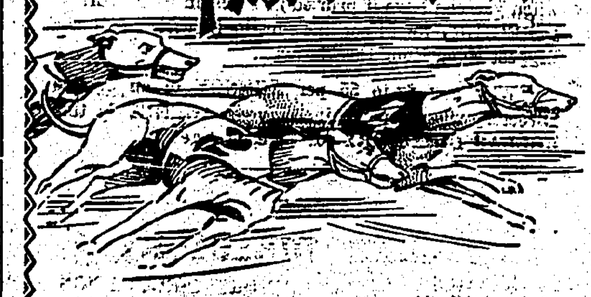

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Col. G. C. B. Paynter, D.S.O., has been appointed an Equerry in Ordinary to the King.

Professor W. R. Lethaby, who is 70 years of age, has resigned his post as surveyor of Westminster Abbey.

Six women Liberal candidates have been adopted for the next general election, stated Sir Herbert Samuel.

Francis Eric Deacon, a Parkhurst convict, escaped from a working party outside the prison, but was recaptured.

The gross average earnings of 75 Channel pilots last year was £1,258, while two Rochester pilots averaged £1,328.

The profits of the Government of Ontario from the State-controlled sale of liquor during the fiscal year ending October 31, 1927, were £400,000.

Sir Frank Dicksee's 1879 Royal Academy picture "Evangeline," which was sold in 1921 for £273, realised £73 10s. at Messrs. Christie's.

The International Federation of Trades Unions, says the Amsterdam "Telegraaf," has purchased the principal daily newspaper in Luxembourg.

A Queen Anne dwarf secretaire in walnut fetched £1,650, and a set of Queen Anne walnut chairs £1,250, at Messrs. Sotheby's New Bond-Street, W.

Mr. Bruce, the Australian Prime Minister, announces the resignation of Sir Hugh Denison, the Commonwealth Trade Commissioner in the United States.

Mr. Chaliapin makes his first appearance in Spain at Barcelona, in Moussorgsky's opera "Boris Godounov," which will be conducted by Mr. Albert Coates.

On December 26, the American Consulate, Penang, was removed to the property at 5, Pangkor Road, recently purchased by the Government of the United States.

Amalgamation negotiations between the Essex and Suffolk Agricultural Societies have fallen through, and each will hold its own county show this year.

Miss Marie Lohr is to make her first appearance on the variety stage at the Coliseum, when she will appear with Mr. Edmund Gwenn in a comedy sketch.

Corporal Arthur James Stanton, of the Royal Corps of Signals, Colchester, died at his quarters after a game of Rugby football in which he had received a body injury.

William Lamble, a British subject, employed as book-keeper to a firm on the Boulevard Malesherbes, Paris, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling a sum of £1,600.

Mrs. Maryatt, who gave £75,000 to complete the Dundee City Hall, for which her brother, the late Sir James Caird, contributed £100,000, died at Finnart, her Dumbartonshire home.

Messrs. N. Lazarus, the local opticians, have presented us with a neat and handy card case which just fits into the vest pocket. Done in dark brown leather it is strongly machined and will last a long time.

The best exhibit at the British Alsatian Association's show at Birmingham was Helen of Hortiach, shown by Mr. G. R. Clay, of Nuneaton, which was awarded many special, as well as class prizes.

Another little gift we have to acknowledge is made up of packages of matches given out by the Dollar Steamship Line, each box bearing a pretty picture of a ship and the slogan "Serves the World." They are good matches, too.

Provision is made in the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, 1928, for the compulsory sale of coke in the County of London by weight only, while it will be made an offence to water it to increase its weight fraudulently.

The sum of £3,000 was collected as a result of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to the Walthampstow, Wanstead, and Leyton Children's and General Hospital, Walthamstow, E., leaving only £3,000 as the amount required to complete the large extension.

A new R.A.F. bombing squadron, one of three fresh home defence squadrons to be provided in the present financial year, is being formed at Worthy Down Aerodrome, Hampshire, and will be equipped with Handley Page Napier biplanes developing 1,000-h.p.

His Excellency Sir Hugh Clifford, High Commissioner for the Malay States, the Hon. Mr. Cheah Cheang-lim, member of the Federal Council, and Mr. Chung Ah Ming, member of the Perak State Council, were recently invited to become Honorary Members of the Ipoh Club. All three gentlemen graciously accepted.

Mr. E. J. O'Reilly, of the Government Monopolies has left Penang for Singapore.

The Malacca "Observer" has closed its career after an existence of three years and two months.

Dr. R. O. Winstedt, Director of Education, and Mrs. Winstedt, who were on a visit to Penang, have returned to Singapore.

Owing to indisposition Lady Clementi will be unable to present at St. Stephen's Girls' College on January 17. Mrs. Luard has consented to do so instead.

Mr. P. Carmichael, the well-known rubber broker of Singapore, who has been at Home travelled out by the "Malwa" which has just arrived in Malaya ports.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong St. David's Society will be held to-day in the office of Mr. D. J. Lewis, Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, at 5.30 p.m.

Owing to the large number of horses from Kuala Lumpur for the Penang Race meeting the F.M.S. Railway Authorities arranged for a special train to take them.

A lady's silver bead vanity bag containing gold cigarette case and other articles during the dance on board H.M.S. "Tamar" on Wednesday, January 11. Should any lady find that she has taken such a bag in error will she please communicate with the Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "Tamar."

Frau Marie Luise von Prittwitz, wife of the new German Ambassador to the United States, who succeeded the late Baron von Maltzan. Before her marriage to the Ambassador, Frau von Prittwitz was Countess von Strachwitz.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of:—Mr. Alekseï Alekseevich Trambitzky, merchant, of No. 566, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and Miss Valentina Petrovna Grunberg, residing at the same address: and of Acting Sub-Inspector James Cargill, Hong Kong Police Force, and Miss Isobel Keith Wallace, residing at No. 7, Albion Terrace, Kowloon Dock.

The attention of theatre-goers is drawn to a change in the Globe Trotters' season at the Star Theatre. The revue "Scenes and Screams," which is to be given this evening, will be repeated to-morrow night, and an entirely new revue, "Pleasureland," will be presented on Sunday and Monday. Booking is at Moutrie's at the popular admission prices of $3, $2 and $1.

Mr. W. Schofield had before him at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday a Chinese man and a woman charged with the theft of 250 bricks from No. 120, Kowloon Tong. The woman admitted the charge and accepted responsibility. The man admitted making use of the bricks but was not aware that they had been stolen. The woman was fined $25 or three weeks' jail for larceny, whilst the man was convicted of receiving stolen property and fined $15.

A most unpleasant looking specimen of a sea snake was caught the other day at the wharf steps (Jesselton). It was about six feet long, with a curious flattened tail and complete with poison fangs. As far as we know the practice of bathing off the wharf has, most advisedly, ceased, but if there are any die-hards who still persist in it we trust for their own sakes that this latest capture will finally put them off. As far as we are concerned, we prefer to let these wild sea-creatures have that part of the sea to play in by themselves. —"B.N.B. Herald."

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese and his wife, both described as hawkers, were charged with receiving a motor car mascot worth $25, knowing it to have been stolen. The mascot was offered by the male accused to Mr. W. J. Smith's chauffeur for $1. The woman claimed that she bought the mascot from a small boy six months ago. Deciding that the boy could not have obtained the mascot lawfully, and the woman should have known better than to purchase it from him, the Magistrate fined her $15. The man was discharged.

Nottingham is to have automatic telephone exchanges at the end of January.

The Standard Wage Ordinance in Ceylon will not come into force until April next.

A Guarnerius violin (1750) realised £509 at Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's, Leicester-Square, W.C.

Supt. Freeman Newton, of Swansea, formerly of the Indian Police, has been appointed Chief Constable of Hereford.

An ultra-violet ray clinic for miners and their families was opened at Sherwood Colliery, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

Sir Robert Horne started on a four-months tour, during which he will visit Ceylon, Burma, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

Unemployed marched out of a soup kitchen organised for their benefit in Victoria Hall, Southend, shouting: "We want work, not soup."

The International Combustion, Ltd., Kingsway, W.C., have secured a £202,114 contract for boiler house equipment for the generating station at Leeds.

A proposal to prohibit pillion riding on motor-cycles in certain parts of Stoke-on-Trent is contained in a Bill to be promoted in the next session of Parliament.

An increase of threepence in the cost of half-soling and heeling boots is recommended by the Leather and Grindery Merchants' Association (London branch).

The postmistress, Mrs. Clara Robins, was badly burnt and had to be taken to hospital when the post office at Swerford, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, was burnt down.

A motion by Mr. Cosgrave, President of the Irish Free State Executive Council, that the House adjourn until February 15 was carried in the Dail by 87 votes to 57.

Horses attached to a van from Buckingham Palace stables bolted in Buckingham Palace-Road, S.W., and crashed into the rear of an L.G.O.C. motor-omnibus, the driving-pole being broken.

War bonuses have been abolished by the Hull City Council and employees' salaries stabilised on a non-fluctuating basis calculated on a 70 per cent. increase over the pre-war cost of living.

Judgment day will be a day of horrible surprises," said Dr. Gore, formerly Bishop of Oxford, in a sermon to a crowded congregation at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-Street, Chelsea, S.W.

The oil tanker "Mitra," 5,592 tons, owned by the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, bound for Gothenburg, went aground off the Skaw (Denmark) in thick weather, but was afterwards refloated.

When an 18-year-old Post Office sorting clerk, Ronald H. Veal, was bound over on probation at Barnsley charged with the theft of postal packets, it was stated that 241 opened letters were found at his lodgings.

A party of boys from secondary schools who have been awarded scholarships by the Fellowship of the British Empire Exhibition for a one year's course at Australian agricultural college have sailed from London.

Captain Arthur Holme, commander of the White Star liner "Homeric" (34,351 tons), having reached the age limit, has retired after 45 years at sea, 30 of which have been spent in the service of the White Star line.

Mrs. Reed, a widow of Uitenhage, South Africa, who sent the Prince of Wales £5,000 for war-blinded men during his tour in 1925, has bequeathed the whole of her fortune, £40,000, to the British Empire Service League.

Of the six cylinders, believed to contain poison gas, bought at an auction by Mr. Vincent Speddings, a metal-scrap merchant, of Staniforth-Road, Sheffield, four have been found to be empty and the other two to contain acetylene gas.

When Miss Marian Frances Evans, of Rydens-Road, Walton-on-Thames, was fined £5 and 18s. 6d. costs at Kingston-on-Thames, Mr. Thorburn, defending, said it was a great shock for a person to be summoned on the first day of driving a car.

The police are searching for a man who went into the Twickenham-Road post office, Isleworth, stated that he had been sent to examine the telephone, and then, when he was allowed to go behind the counter, snatched £20 in Treasury notes and bolted.

Miss Doris Dunlop, of Shire Hall-lane, Hendon, who is known professionally as Dr. Howard, was fined 40s. and costs at Hendon, N.W., for leaving her motor-car outside a patient's house without the brakes on, it being stated that the car ran away and injured three children.

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SPORTS

SATURDAY'S SOCCER.

THE FINAL INTERPORT PRACTICE.

CHANCES AT SHANGHAI.

[By the "Rover."]

The official programme for Saturday includes the Interport final practice, but no Senior League games, and no Junior Division "B" games the actual matches down for Saturday being as follows:—

Interport XI. v. The Rest, Club ground, Valley. Kick off 3.45 p.m.

Hong Kong League Junior Division "A". Kick off 2.30 p.m.

K.O.S.B. Res. v. South China "B", South China Ground.

Kowloon Res. v. St. Joseph's, Kowloon A.F.C. Ground.

University v. Recreio Res., King's Park Ground.

Chinese Athletic Res. v. South China "A," Club Ground, Valley.

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In addition to the above Kowloon will probably be engaged in a friendly match to enable the Kowloon officials to try out one or two new men who have signed forms for the League and Cup.

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The League matches in the Junior Division are interesting the improved form of Kowloon Reserves lately making for a very interesting fight with St. Joseph's, the latter being a team full of footballers, and if both sides are at full strength, Kowloon supporters will be well catered for. The other game at Kowloon is the rearranged fixture with the University and Recreio Reserves, to be played at King's Park, and this also should provide bright football, both Junior sides being capable of putting up a good show. The K.O.S.B. Reserves and South China "B" on the South China ground will provide the Borderers Reserves with two more points and an improved goal average, while the meeting of Chinese Athletic Reserves and South China Reserves on the Club ground prior to the Interport match will be a very interesting curtain raiser to the big match, and should well fill the popular sides of the ground before the big event commences.

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The big show on Saturday is the Interport Practice, when Hong Kong's Selected XI. will oppose the Rest and all supporters locally will expect that the Interport XI. will turn out to a man, and get in a real afternoon's work. The Rest XI. is a good side and will be all out, and what is more will play with nothing to lose, because, be the result what it may, they will not be expected to win on form. That they may do, will only be what happens when most towing teams are tried out finally, as many brilliant sides have started on tour with a defeat by the local Rest XI. to spur them on and in this respect Shanghai have experienced similar conditions to the Hong Kong selected team.

To get down to the actual points at issue, the Shanghai team, as selected, includes Gash a masterful centre half who played here last year, and Baxter (o.r.) Collaco (i.r.) Lee Wai-tong (i.e.) who played also last year against Hong Kong, the other selections with the exception of Goldman who is an old Interporter, being new man.

Hong Kong at the last moment has been weakened by the inability of Wynne to make the trip, but backs do not win games and if Vernon was playing in the place of McNiven, I should say that Hong Kong would win on their forwards, as although McNiven is a great worker, he is not a forward of the class of Vernon, who can slip in and put out those clever passes on either side which baffle backs and halves.

I don't think Hong Kong will be let down in defence as all six have played fine football consistently, but I do think that Hong Kong's forward display at Shanghai will be patchy because McNiven is an individualist. Lee Wai-tong is as good a forward as Shanghai can play but on this year's form Suen Kum-sheung is quite as good for *Hong Kong, and Tso Kwai-shing* can play quite as good and better than Baxter did last year in the Interport.

If Goldman at centre forward for Shanghai is better than Gosano, he must be a fine player, but I think at centre forward Hong Kong has the advantage. At half back Gash is a big player both in size and in play, but Sims of Hong Kong is also one of our "big" men and in this department we shall not be inferior, and if the Shanghai wing halves are better than Lam Yuk-ying and Remedios there will not be much in it. Shanghai have a fine player in Palmer at left back and Wynne's absence puts Hong Kong a few points down in this Department. The Athletic pair have played many fine games together this year and although neither of them is Wynne's equal individually, Hong Kong should not be let down in this position especially if the state of the ground is not on the heavy side.

Gee, a Service player for Shanghai, is spoken highly of but I don't think Gee will be able to give Alexander many points if the Padre strikes his best form, which he can do occasionally in a big match, and Clarke in goal will not let us down. To sum up I think Hong Kong's weakness is the right wing. Tso Kwei-shing must be fed judiciously to bring out his best and McNiven is too much of an individual player to effect this.

Vernon would have been the wiser selection, failing Northey at inside right but the team being selected we wish them the best of luck and with Gosano on his day, McNiven may have a big chance to justify his selection, as the Guardsman can be relied on to go all out and to last the pace. The Hong Kong XI. comprise a good combination the chances of victory in my opinion resting with Suen Kum-shing and Gosano forward and if McNiven comes off I think the honours will still remain in Hong Kong.

FRIENDLY GAME.

The following will represent the *Kowloon 1st XI. in a friendly game* with H.M.S. "Argus" on Saturday on Kowloon Ground. Kick off at 4.00 p.m.:—

Angus, Wheeler, Dodshon, Hedley, McKelvie, Miles, Pile, May, Northey, Tiernan, Coates.

Reserves:—Slipper and Vickars.

KOWLOON 2ND TEAM.

The following represent the Kowloon 2nd XI. in a League game with St. Joseph's on Saturday on Kowloon Ground. Kick off at 2.30 p.m.:—

Wood, Bliss, Pasco, Guest, Peart, Blacklock, Reed, Clark, Spary, Muir, Eastman.

Reserves:—Hast, Nicholls and Roberts.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. AND RECREIO PLAY.

CLOSE GAME.

The Y.M.C.A. had to go full out to win from the Club de Recreio at King's Park yesterday afternoon, the final score being two goals to one in the Y.M.C.A.'s favour. The game started with the Y. men pressing but they were unable to score and the play kept even till half time, when just before the whistle Rocha got well away and scored for the Club de Recreio. At half time the score was one—nil in the Club's favour.

The second half the Y. made a change in the line up which brought better results, and they pressed hard all the time, having bad luck on several occasions in not scoring. However, they kept pressing, and ten minutes before the end levelled matters, Wheeler scoring. Shortly after the Y. added another, Sampson netting, the final whistle going with the score two goals to one in the Y.M.C.A.'s favour.

INTERPORT RUGBY

SIDE SELECTED TO VISIT SHANGHAI.

The following are the final acceptances for the Rugby side to visit Shanghai:—

Full-back: R. F. Wright; Three-quarters: A. E. Pritchard, G. F. Bichard, L. M. S. Lloyd, A. E. Thomson, G. P. Lammert; Half-backs: G. P. S. Davies (Scrum), C. D. Wales (captain); Forwards: T. L. Foster (v. captain), J. H. Dale, J. B. Keely, H. A. Grant, R. F. Akehurst, S. M. Garrard, W. Beveridge, J. Raikes, F. H. Trayes.

It is hoped also that J. Middleton Smith will be available for one or both of the matches.

Thomson played for Scotland in 1920 and can play anywhere outside the scrum, whilst the inclusion of Grant, who has represented the Navy, adds the needed weight to the pack. The side is now one in which Hong Kong Rugger enthusiasts will justly have every confidence,—and that despite the rumoured prowess of the Shanghailanders. There is every prospect of a really rousing fight for custody of the rival flags.

The Interport Match will be played on Chinese New Year, Monday, January 23, and the Services Match on Wednesday, January 25.

BOXING STYLE.

AMERICAN AND BRITISH WAYS COMPARED.

SHORTER CONTESTS.

Play is a natural impulse, it is an expression of temperament. The nimble-witted cockney shines as a featherweight boxer; the big, slow-thinking slow-moving highlander likes to grapple with the caber, heave the stone, or hurl the hammer. These are his recreations. The brawny fellsman finds suitable expression for his superfluous energy in Cumberland and Westmorland wresting.

In the days of prize-fighting, which included wrestling, as well as toe-to-toe hitting, our big men prospered (writes a Special Correspondent of the London "Observer") for that type of fighting was a true reflection of their temperament. We possessed the undisputed champions of the world, the exhibitions in the prize ring made no appeal to the foreigner, they were so typically British. But even in the record of the prize-ring the arresting feature is that our most brilliant champions were not men of brawn, but comparatively small men, who could combine strength with speed.

Fitzsimmons punched with every fibre of his lean body; he fought with a concentrated energy that swept all before it. His attack was determined, ambitious, and relentless, and his defence was imbued with the same aggressive spirit.

His methods are the American methods of to-day; they suit the American temperament. The big American has much quicker reactions than the average big Britisher. He is stimulated by his climate, for climate has a far-reaching influence on temperament, so often, too, he is still further fired by the mingling of Latin or negro blood in his veins. It suits the American to box at a quarter-mile speed; our big men prefer to settle down to a marathon jog-trot. Americans train their boxers by making them fight countless energetic, sparkling contests of from six, eight, and ten rounds; we mechanise our boxers by making them perform monotonous and stereotyped movements for fifteen and twenty rounds. We pander to our temperament, and put a premium on endurance. Our contests are chiefly tests of endurance. We must bear in mind that boxing is now Americanised; it is a spasm of violent and rapid reactions, lightning thought, and always full steam ahead.

The Right Spirit.

We have boxers in plenty in our country filled with the true fighting spirit, as proved by our amateur boxers; they are still the world's best, but then amateur methods are conceived by boxers imbued with the right spirit for the good of boxing. To get to date we want to learn what we have forgotten. How it hit with the power to end a fight, and to understand that this power can only be derived from the biggest muscles of the body; to hit with the muscles of the shoulder and arm alone is useful for a jog-trot contest, but not for a six-round-sprint battle. In-fighting is now a lost art, hitting in the holds, slapping on the back is the miserable substitute for it; no more does one see the lightning half-arm body-jolts, hooks, and upper-cuts, legacies from Mace and Fitzsimmons. We want a Driscoll or Wilde to again inspire our boxers with the finesse of the art and show them how to anticipate, to "time," and to think in "second intention."

The first step in our return journey to regain our boxing prestige is to limit championship contests to eight or ten rounds and all minor ones to be four or six. This will stimulate life into our boxing, it will put a premium on skill and speed, rather than on endurance. Champions will get more contests and many more boxers will have an opportunity to take part in an evening's boxing entertainment. The public will enjoy the variety of talent and learn to appreciate skill, they will come in greater numbers. The promoter will not lose, in fact he will be a gainer also. Let him be of good heart.

Perhaps the ridicule of the world will shame some force into action. Let the lamentable champion, be the curtain to the miserable burlesque which our professional boxers are performing before the world. It is not their fault, but the stage managers'.

GOLF.

AMATEUR EX-CHAMPION PROFESSIONAL.

Los Angeles, Yesterday.

The golf amateur ex-champion Von Elm has accepted an offer to turn professional and tour the country under the banner of Mr. Jack Kearns.—Reuter's American Service.

[Mr. Kearns was for several years Jack Dempey's manager.]

AMATEUR SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP.

London, Dec. 31.

The amateur ice skating championship took place at Lingay Fen during the week. The event attracted 27 competitors, Horn of Upwell beating the holder, F. W. Dix, a former holder of the world championship.

BILLIARDS REVIVAL.

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS VISIT AUSTRALIA.

LINDRUM'S HOPES.

Walter Lindrum, Australian champion billiardist, stated recently that three international overseas billiards players would visit Adelaide early next winter to play a series of matches against the two Lindrum brothers.

Lindrum, said it was certain that Clark McConachy (New Zealand champion), Frank Ferraro (South African champion), and Willie Smith (England's greatest cueist) would be in Australia during the winter to engage Fred Lindrum and himself. It would be a revival that the game had not known since 1912 and 1913, when Reece, Newman, Falkiner, and others had visited Australia.

Lindrum had great hopes that these impending visits will revive the game, which has been drooping considerably in Australia, and it is probable that other English stars will be induced to come here, thus making the 1928 season one of the most interesting in history. Games will be played in all capital cities, and the Adelaide season will begin early in the winter with a game between two of the five champions.

DEATH NOTICES.

ORDERED COFFIN, GAVE PARTY, THEN SUICIDE.

HANGS HIMSELF.

A Thouars builder named Bonneau attracted the attention of friends by having printed the announcement of his death on large, black-bordered sheets, with the date left blank.

One morning he filled in the date and posted the announcements. He then gathered a large party of friends at his favourite cafe, where he cut up a large cake and dispensed it, together with several bottles of champagne. He laughingly announced that he was tired of life and intended to end it, but his friends were misled by his high spirits and believed he was joking.

Half an hour later Bonneau was found hanged.

It transpired that with the announcements he had also posted an order for a coffin.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

WARATAHS DEFEATED IN BORDEAUX.

Bordeaux, Yesterday.

In a Rugby football match South-West France defeated New South Wales by 19 points to 10.—Reuter.

LOCAL CRICKET.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 1st XI against Civil Service on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground on Saturday next, at 2 p.m.

H. R. B. Hancock, A. W. Hayward, T. E. Pearce, D. W. Leach, H. V. Parker, W. K. Tait, K. H. Batger, H. J. Armstrong, J. E. Hancock, M. Scott, E. Syme Thompson.

LORD HASTINGS.

CORAL HUT ON A SOUTH SEA ISLAND.

IDEAL HONEYMOON.

"If you want to know the most perfect honeymoon spot in the world, you will find it at Tahiti, in the South Sea Islands," said Viscount Hastings, when he arrived in England with his bride from a two-years' honeymoon in the South Seas.

"The white population consists of six men and two women," he added, "and the natives number 2,000. The place is absolutely unspoiled.

"We had a lovely coral house with a verandah overlooking a stretch of golden sands, and great mountains in the background.

"We could see across the bay the azure blue waters of the Pacific. We bathed by day and by night and fished and sailed to our hearts' content.

Plantations.

"My business was to attend to our copra and vanilla plantations, and my wife settled down to housework and gardening.

"We have come back to see our relations, who are now reconciled to our marriage, but we are going back to the land of perfect happiness."

Such a honeymoon was a fitting sequel to the wedding, which caused a sensation in October 1925.

The lightning wedding of the young viscount to Miss Cristina Casati, the daughter of the Marquis Casati, a prominent Italian and Master of the Rome Foxhounds, took even the bridegroom's father, the Earl of Huntingdon, by surprise, and he announced a few days afterwards that the wedding was without his consent.

Arrangements had been made for Lord Hastings to leave for Australia to manage a sheep farm. He left on the day after his register office wedding—with his bride.

Lord Hastings claims to be a descendant of Robin Hood.

"HORSE PLAY."

INQUEST ON DEAD SCHOOLBOY.

CHRISTMAS DAY SCUFFLE.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell took evidence in the case in which a Chinese youth named Lo Chi-hing is charged with the manslaughter of another youth named Ho Kwong-hoi.

The deceased, it may be remembered, died twelve hours after he had been struck on the head by the accused in the Club Room of the South China Athletic Association, China Building, on Christmas night.

The accused was defended by Mr. L. D. Turner, whilst Mr. W. D. Owen watched the proceedings in the interest of the deceased's family. The case for the prosecution was conducted by Sub-Inspector Stimson.

Evidence was given by two students of St. Paul's College to the effect that a party of schoolboys were at the S.C.A.A.'s Club between seven and eight o'clock in the evening on Christmas Day. Following a little "horse play" on the part of the defendant, a scuffle ensued between him and the deceased and a few blows were exchanged, the last blow being one delivered by the defendant. There were two distinct statements as to the mature and location of this last blow. According to one witness it was delivered with an open hand on the left cheek, below the temple, while another stated that it was struck with a clenched fist on the left side of the head between the eye and the ear. The witness who made the latter statement also said that the blow was swift and hard, while the witness who stated that the blow was delivered with the open palm added that he did not think it was unusually forceful.

After the fight, the parties separated, the accused leaving the Club shortly after 8 p.m.

Boy's Mother.

The deceased's mother then gave evidence. She stated that her son returned home a little after eight o'clock and he appeared to be very pale in the face. He soon began to vomit and at the same time complained of a pain on the side of his head. Her son bore no outward signs of injury and she could not understand what had happened. Finally, at 11 p.m. that night, she summoned the assistance of a Chinese doctor, but to no purpose, for at 4 a.m. the following morning the youth became delirious and ran about the house like a madman, having apparently lost his sanity temporarily. At six o'clock the same morning he died and his body was later removed to the Public Mortuary.

Replying to Mr. Turner witness said that her son told her that he had a fall in the street on his way home and that the place where the accident occurred was somewhat steep. She pressed her son regarding the exact spot where the accident occurred, intending to worship the "joss" of that place, but he steadfastly refused to reveal where the accident occurred. When the lad passed away, the mother had no idea as to why her son had died, other than that he had a fall in the street.

Answering further questions by Mr. Turner, witness said that on the morning of her son's death several school friends called at the house looking for the deceased. They were informed by deceased's elder brother that the lad was dead.

Nephew's Suggestion.

The witness proceeded to say that a nephew of hers who happened to be in the house suggested that perhaps the boys knew something of why the deceased should come home in such a condition. A quick conference was held, as a result of which the boys were then told that the deceased was not yet dead but was in the Government Civil Hospital. After this announcement, a boy named Lo Man-pan, a student of St. Paul's College, told the family of the occurrence at the South China Club the night before.

In answer to Mr. Turner witness said that the reason why the boys were deceived about her son's death was that she intended to elicit some information as to whether or not her son had been molested by any person.

No Marks.

Mr. Turner then had a short conference with Dr. J. W. Anderson, after which he expressed his regret to his Worship at having to ask a few distressing questions. Addressing the witness, Mr. Turner asked her if she had examined her son's body prior to or after his death for marks of injury.

Witness replied that she made a thorough examination of his body but found no marks except a swelling on the left temple.

Mr. Turner proceeded to ask other questions when his Worship interposed and informed Mr. Turner that Dr. Cannon would be giving a full medical report at a later stage.

Mr. Turner said that he would like to put a few questions as he thought that bruises and marks would change if the body was examined, say, forty-eight hours after death.

Witness stated that she made a minute examination of her son's head but found no mark of injury.

The case was adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning.

CASTE IN JAPAN.

COURT MARTIAL OF PRIVATE SOLDIER.

ONE YEAR'S JAIL.

At the court-martial of Private Kitahara, at Nagoya, for attempting to present a petition to the Emperor during a review, the prosecutor asked for a sentence of one year's imprisonment, the maximum penalty for a direct appeal to the Emperor. The prosecutor admitted that Kitahara had endured provocations which entitled him to sympathy.

Kitahara, in his evidence, gave instances of the insults offered to him by his comrades and complained that his captain had only advised him to pay no attention. When asked if he had any religion, he said that he had spent two months at the headquarters of a sect devoted to social service. He acknowledged his connection with the Suyehisha and Labour movements, but denied that three members of the Suyehisha, who visited him in camp, influenced him to write the petition. This he wrote himself and carried it in his knapsack during the manoeuvres, waiting for an opportunity to present it to the Emperor.

Private Kitahara, 68th Infantry Regiment, attempted on November 19 to present to the Emperor during a review at Nagoya a petition protesting against the discrimination still shown against the Eta, formerly the out-cast class. Kitahara was before he joined the Colours a member of the Suyehisha (literally, the Water Level Society), a combination of members of the Eta which works for the recognition of the equality of the Eta with the rest of the nation. The petition was presented by Private Kitahara, who was kneeling, on a fixed bayonet. He was arrested at once. There were indications that the authorities sympathized with his case.

Private Kitahara was sentenced to imprisonment for one year. He has appealed to a higher Court martial, which sits in Tokyo.

THE TIN POSITION.

Reviewing the situation in the tin markets it says the metal maintained an average around £300 for the first half year although by November it was down to £257 but since then had shown recuperative powers.

The paper adds the opinion that if the industry expands in the U.S.A. and Europe in the new year the increased demand should absorb the increase in supplies at even a modest advance.

Orders for the equipment of two or three new cotton spinning mills in Japan have been booked by Platt Bros., of Oldham.

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Documentary 4 months sight	2/1 3/4
On Paris—	
On demand	1270
Credits 4 months' sight	1345
On Berlin—	
On demand	——
On New York—	
On demand	50 1/8
Credits 60 days' sight	51 3/4
On Bombay—	
Wire	——
On demand	136 1/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	——
On demand	136 1/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	88
On Manila—	
On demand	100 3/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	78 1/2
30 day's sight (private paper)	——
On Yokohama—	
On demand	106 3/4
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	——
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.40
Silver (per oz)	26 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	2% prem.
Chinese Copper Cash	nom.
Chinese Copper Cents	6% prem
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub Coin	26% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	par.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

	London, Yesterday.
Paris	124
New York	4.87 25/32
Brussels	34.97
Geneva	25.30
Amsterdam	12.09 3/4
Milan	92.15
Berlin	20.47
Stockholm	18.12
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.33
Vienna	34.55 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	28.61
Lisbon	2 13/32
Athens	367 1/2
Bucharest	790
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 13/16
Bombay	1/6 1/16
Shanghai	2/7
Hong Kong	2/0 5/8
Yokohama	1/11 3/32
Silver Spot	26 1/2
Silver Forward	26 3/8

—British Wireless Service.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Stock.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	
T.T. on London	2/- 5/8	
T.T. on Shanghai	78 1/4	
Banks.		
Hongkong Bank	$1180	b
do. Lon. Reg.	$125 1/4	n
Chartered Bank	$21.26	b
Mercantile A. & B.	$32 3/4	n
do. C.	$14	n
P. & O. Bank	$10	n
Bank of East Asia	$72	n
Insurance:		
Canton Insurance	$590	b
Union Insurance	$298 1/4	b 300 sa
North China Insurance	T148	n
Yangtze Insurance	M.$46 1/2	b
China Underwriters	$2.40	s
China Fire Insurance	$215	n
H.K. Fire Insurance	$680	b 685 sa
Shipping.		
Douglases	$40 3/4	n
H.K. Steamboats	$27	s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	$2.20	b
Indo-Chinas (Pref)	$30	n
do. (Def.)	$48	n
Shell Transports	88/-	
Water-boats	$17 3/4	b
Mining.		
Benguets	$2 1/4	n
Kailan Mining Ad.	62/6	n
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do. (Single)	T10	b
Shanghai Explorations	$2.85	b
Shanghai Loans	$6.10	b
Raubs	$3/4	n
Tronoh Mines	$17/6	b
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.		
H.K. & K. Wharves	$129 1/2	b
H.K. & W. Docks	$37 1/2	b
China Providents	$4.80	b
Hongkews	$165	b
New Engineerings	$5	n
Shanghai Docks	$90	b
Cotton Mills.		
Ewo Cottons	$7 1/4	s
Oriental Cottons	$1.70	b
S'hai Cottons (Old)	$46 1/4	b
do. (new)	T22 3/4	b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.		
H.K. & S. Hotels	$7.90 b	[8.10 s 8/7.90 sa
Hongkong Lands	$65	n
Shanghai Lands	$125	b
Humphreys Estates	$14 3/4	b
Hongkong Realties	$7.80	b
H.K. Territorials	$1 1/2	n
Prince's Buildings	—	
Public Utilities.		
H.K. Tramways	$23 3/4	s 23.60 sa
Peak Trams (old)	$14	s
do. (new)	$7	s
Star Ferries	$63	b
China Lights (comb.)	$14.35	b & sa
do. (old)	$10 3/4	b 10.80 sa
do. (new)	$7 1/4	b
H.K. Electrics	$63 1/2	b [63 1/2/4 sa
Macao Electrics	$60	b
H.K. Telephones	$3.90	b
China Buses	T6 1/2	n
Singapore Tractions	11/9	b
Industrials.		
China Sugars	$9 1/2	s
Malabon Sugars	$27 1/4	n
Canton Ices	$2 3/4	b
Cements (comb.)	$8 3/4	b & sa
do. (old)	$7 1/4	b
do. (new)	$1	b
H.K. Ropes (old)	$6	b
do. (new)	$0.50	b
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REX INGRAM.

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BODYGUARD OF ARABS.

Rex Ingram, the world-famous film-producer, whose celebrity is second only to that of D. W. Griffith, has turned Moslem.

He lives in an Oriental mansion at Nice, surrounded by a bodyguard of Arabs, and devotes himself to sculpture of a fatalistic type.

He has just completed a large bronze, which shows a miniature Christ in the arms of a giant Buddha.

He studies the books of Colonel Lawrence. He has bought a villa in North Africa. His thoughts are more in Araby than in Europe or America, and film production has ceased to interest him, though he has done more than any other British or American-born film director to make motion pictures an art.

Various other reasons have brought Mr. Ingram to a screen standstill. One is the ever-widening gulf between his art ideals and the box-office mentality of the American company which has hitherto employed him.

Three of Mr. Ingram's recent films "The Arab," "The Magician," and "Mare Nostrum," have not been popular successes, though they were models of artistic production.

His last film, "The Garden of Allah," not yet shown here, has not been an American success. It cost £75,000, and was produced, like the others, in Nice.

Another reason for Mr. Ingram's screen-idleness is that Harry Lachmann, his faithful friend and factotum for so many years, has left him. Mr. Lachmann, aided by Nina Wilcox Putnam, the "Saturday Evening Post" writer, is producing films elsewhere in Nice.

Sculpture.

Mr. Ingram's studios, in which four or five films can be made simultaneously, are let to other producers, and Mr. Ingram himself lives apart with his Arabs and symbolistic sculpture.

His patron in sculpture was Jules Mastbaum, the Philadelphian theatrical magnate, who founded a Rodin Museum and recently died.

Ingram's wife, Alice Terry, star of all his films, is besieged by offers from British film-producers. She has accepted, it is understood, an offer to star in Edward Godal's "Peace of the World" film, with which H. G. Wells is closely associated, and it is probable that she will star in Jack Raymond's new film, "Zero," a Pathé production, based on the Collinson Owen novel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingram have worked together continuously for ten years.

Mr. Graham Cutts, the British film-producer, who has just returned from Nice, informed me that he hired Ingram's studios to produce "Confetti."

When the company went into the studio restaurant, one evening, they found it set out for an elaborate feast. "Who is dining whom?" asked Mr. Cutts. "Mr. Ingram is giving a banquet to his Arabs," he was told.

Great Fortune.

Ingram is not a poor man. He has made a great film fortune and, in spite of his lapse into mysticism, remained sufficiently practical to acquire the principal ownership of the Nice studios, which have become the centre of Rivieran film production, and daily increase in value.

His favourite companion is "Shorty," a grotesque Arab dwarf, who has appeared in several of his films.

There are few stranger human pictures than that of this brilliant but temperamental Irishman, adopting the Moslem outlook and living like a sultan—they call him the "King of Nice"—in an absurd house filled with Oriental treasures and odd sculptured studies in fatalism.

Rex Ingram, like D. W. Griffith, is now but a screen-shadow, though Griffith, unlike Ingram, did not make a great fortune. Griffith is now one of Hollywood's "emergency" directors, mixing with players and technicians as if he were merely one of themselves.

There was a time when, if Griffith spoke, every one listened, but now, says one who saw him recently among a studio restaurant crowd, "they contradict him."

No one has yet contradicted Ingram. He is a sufficient contradiction in himself.

"THE PSALMUS."

FIRST PERFORMANCE IN ENGLAND.

A performance described as the first in England of M. Zoltan Kodaly's "Psalmus Hungaricus" was given on November 30 under the direction of the composer at the concert of the Cambridge University Musical Society. M. Kodaly, of course, needs no introduction to an English audience, for his string quartets are fairly well known, but (says a correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph") I believe I am not in error in saying that the "Psalmus" is the first choral of his to be given in Cambridge. It must not be thought, however, that this "Psalmus" has anything in common with the average choral composition or choral ballad in which the choir is the sole arbiter of the situation. M. Kodaly has aimed at something at once more picturesque and more interesting. The chief part is not assigned to the chorus, but to a tenor (Mr. Frank Mullings), who represents King David forsaken by his friends, scorned by his enemies, calling upon the Lord to comfort him and avenge his wrongs. The part of the chorus at first is that of a narrator who introduces the protagonist and suggests the cause of his anger and his despair. When, in answer to the King's prayer, courage and fortitude are restored to him, the chorus begins a great hymn in praise of Divine justice, which is stern and as unforgiving towards the transgressor as it is gracious towards the righteous. On this note of triumph the "Psalmus" ends.

The musical treatment is highly original, for M. Kodaly, like the true modern he is, abhors anything which might possibly be interpreted as an allegiance to the ideals of the past. Hence a certain complexity of harmony, which, however, is strictly logical and often very effective. He must be acquitted on the charge of seeking difficulty and complexity for their own sake. His choral texture is undoubtedly richer and more varied than any obtained by the employment of simpler methods. Moreover, it fits the subject well. These burning passions, the anger of King David, the unChristian revelling of his followers in the coming downfall of the wicked, are well portrayed in music which knows no rest or quietude, urged ever onward by the very elements which have gone to its making. It is in this that the modern enjoys a great advantage over such a composer as Mendelssohn, in spite of the latter's masterly use of the resources he had at his disposal. On the other hand, the moderns seem to find it more difficult to suggest anything like a mood of calm and satisfaction, and the chords which accompany the solo in which King David tells us that his cares have been driven away seemed to me too opulent to convey an adequate impression of the new-found peace.

The Cambridge chorus acquitted itself with considerable credit in a task of no little difficulty, and Mr. Frank Mullings sang with force and conviction a part written as freely as a recitative but far more exacting in intonation and rhythm than any piece of music written before the turn of the century. Dr. Cyril Rootham, who conducted the rest of the concert, must be congratulated on a success due no doubt in great part to his able preparation.

FOREIGN PLAYS.

THE MACROPULOS SECRET OF LIFE.

KAREL CAPEK WORKS.

The secret of prolonging life indefinitely was discovered by Macropulos, a Greek physician. To test it, he tried it on his daughter. It was successful, and she, like the Wandering Jew before her, had been dragging on a weary existence for 300 years when first we meet her in this play. She has fame, as an opera singer, and is tired of it. She has beauty and the appearance of youth, but the lovers whom these gifts attract merely bore her. Yet she desires to go on living still, because she is too cowardly to face death. The document which describes how she may once again obtain a new lease of life has passed out of her hands, and the more obvious part of the plot of this play deals with her attempts to recover it. Mr. Capek has devised a marvellously convincing tangle, of which she is at once the victim and the contriver. Even more skilful is his manner of revealing slowly and gradually the grim and incredible truth about Emilia.

Mr. Capek has the rare power of converting a fantastic idea into something credible and dramatic. He can make the impossible seem probable. That gift was used to excellent purpose in "R.U.R." and it is again displayed here. But the idea, in this play, begins to wear very thin when the last act is reached, and the play fades out rather lamely in a philosophic discussion which is decided in favour of the Biblical three-score years and ten. The Macropulos secret is consigned to the flames, and Emilia, one gathers, will fade away slowly, like a fire that is burnt out.

If one were to examine seriously the philosophical basis of the play, as Mr. Capek expects, to judge by his preface, one would be compelled to point out that he does not fight quite fairly. For instance, a headache that lasts 200 years is hardly an honest weapon to use; and there is all the difference in the world between the case for one person living 300 years while everyone else dies at the usual age, and the case for everyone living 300 years, as Mr. Shaw has proved.

"The Macropulos Secret" is no contribution to philosophy. But it is a very ingenious piece of stagecraft. Mr. Paul Selver's translation does it justice.—"Daily Telegraph."

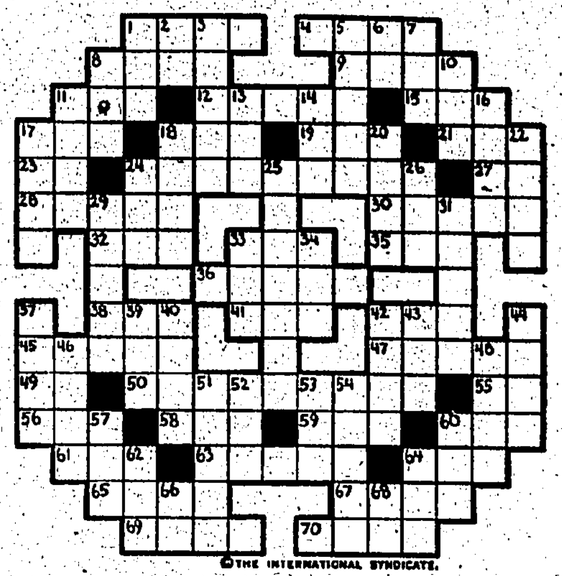
APPRECIATION OF TRUE MUSIC.

The first annual prize distribution of the Wimbledon Conservatoire of Music was held on November 30, and after a concert of great variety and charm given by the pupils, Mr. Willoughby Walmisley, the director, in welcoming Viscountess Burnham, who presented the medals and prizes, said the conservatoire had been working for three years without making any award. Their ideal was not the training of performers or the scoring of examination successes, but the bringing-out in all their pupils of the appreciation of true music in all its purity. This, he understood, according to the dictionary, was the purpose of a real conservatoire. Now that they had outgrown their headquarters, and were obliged to assemble their choral society in borrowed premises, he earnestly appealed to the inhabitants of Wimbledon to support an institution which meant so much for the future of the district and the young generation, because it fulfilled the purpose of the arts by converting sight into vision and hearing into understanding.

Lady Burnham then distributed the medals, prizes, and certificates, and, in reply to a vote of thanks, proposed by Canon Monroe and seconded by Lady Power, expressed her gratification with the concert they had heard that evening. The whole performance had been perfectly excellent, and she congratulated all the performers, all the teachers, and all the parents. Abroad we were considered a stodgy and unmusical people, but if their critics could hear such concerts as they had just heard, they would surely change their minds. (Hear hear.) The British, she thought, were too modest, and hid their light too often under a bushel. She thought their director was to be congratulated on the results of the work done as evidenced that evening, and on the good sense and feeling which the pupils had shown in their renderings.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1–Jest
4–Capably
8–The leading male character in a play
9–An Old World crow
11–Uncooked
12–Poetry
15–Recently come into existence
17–False hair
18–Large body of water
19–Over (poetical)
21–A breach
23–Part of verb "to be"
24–Convulsive
27–As has been stated
28–To put off
30–A thin gauze-like material
32–Some of a total
33–Used for chopping
35–To scrutinize
36–Since
38–A policeman (slang)
41–A large cask
42–Three (prefix)
45–Unclouded
47–Takes notice
49–An exclamation

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

50–Thought highly of
55–All right (abbr.)
56–To urge on
58–Affirmative answer
59–Part of verb "to be"
60–Distress signal
61–A drunkard
63–A place of entrance
64–Pronoun
65–A cistern
67–To exchange
69–Part of the face
70–To make headway against

VERTICAL

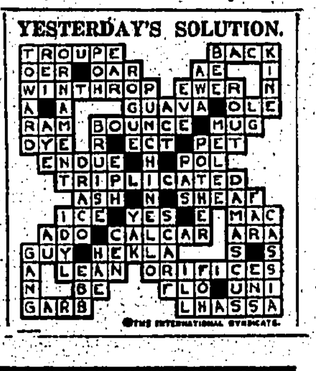
1–A native of Jerusalem
2–Conjunction
3–Old name of Chosen
5–To develop
6–Behold
7–At a distance
8–An old woman
10–A barrel
11–Get up
13–Possesses
14–The lowing of a cow
16–An insect
17–Braid
18–Agile
20–A cereal

VERTICAL (Cont.)

22–One who writes poems
24–A legislator (abbr.)
25–Conglomeration
26–Weep
29–Comedy
31–The nest of an eagle
33–Near the stern
34–Even (contr.)
37–Pain
39–Used to propel a boat
40–To seize and devour animal food
42–Pronoun
43–A color
44–Inquires
46–Large pieces of timber
48–Fate
51–Searches
52–A cooking utensil
53–A vehicle
54–An appointment to meet
57–Procured
60–To sup
62–A color
64–A smoked meat
66–Negative answer
68–Pronoun

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1928:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	13' 8"B	12' 3"B
Tytam Byewash	25' 4"B	26' 0"B
Tytam Intermediate Level		
Tytam Tuk	12'11"B	22' 0"B
Wong Nei Chung	15' 2"B	15' 4"B
Pokfulum	17'11"B	19' 3"B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow". A denotes "Above Overflow."]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Tytam	278.72	285.70
Tytam Byewash	.59	.33
Tytam Intermediate	195.90	195.90
Tytam Tuk	1,121.75	926.98
Wong Nei Chung	13.59	13.46
Pokfulum	28.36	25.82
Total	1,638.91	1,448.25

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1926	1927
Consumption	244.20	271.58
Estimated population	407,620	417,040
Consumption per head per day	19.3	20.9

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KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	7' 0"B	7' 4"B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	0' 7"B	1' 1"B
Reception Reservoir	3' 4"B	2' 3"B

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	283.50	280.42
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	98.40	96.37
Reception Reservoir	24.55	27.24
Total	406.45	404.03

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1926	1927
Consumption	74.89	88.68
Estimated population	158,140	163,180
per day	15.3	17.5

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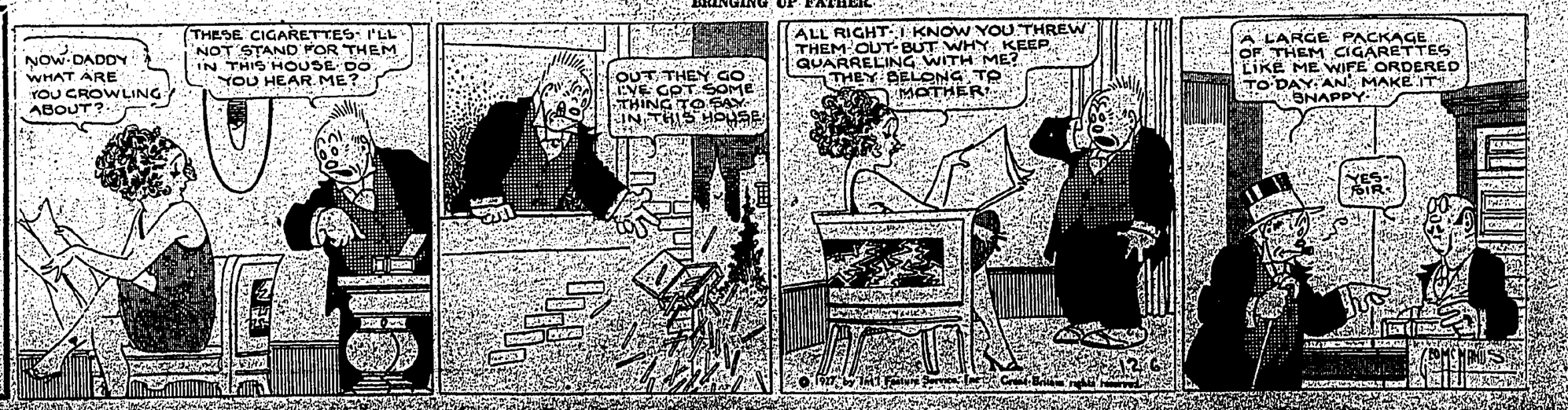

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On the Yangtsze the Nationalists find themselves internally at loggerheads and externally threatened by an army from Hunan. Hankow, as our special correspondents point out in the "Overland," may at any time prove to be the scene of an armed struggle.

All local events are fully reported in the "Overland," including police court proceedings concerning the charge against two Canton officials of possessing a large sum of money alleged to have been stolen from the Central Bank of China. Politics, it seems, enter into this case, and it is creating an amount of interest.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

CAMP PAY MUST BE DRAWN.

LATEST ORDER.

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant:—

Will those of any rank with previous experience, however small, in anti-aircraft artillery work kindly communicate with the Adjutant.

Camp Pay.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that Camp Pay has been issued to Os.C. Units, and must be drawn and signed for before January 20 on which date undrawn pay reverts to Government.

Musketry.

Sunday, January 15, 1928.

Corps Signals, Portuguese Company and Casuals will fire Part II. Table T. at Stonecutters Range.

Range Officers: Lieut. M. G. Noll and 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, Jan. 13, 1928, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, January 14, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Casuals.

A large number of all ranks have not yet fired Part II. Lists of names are posted on Corps Notice Boards. All such will make arrangements to fire by Sunday, January 29, 1928, the last day on which Part II. will be fired.

Peak Range.

The Peak Range 1 allotted to Units as follows until further orders:—

Portuguese Company:—Last Sunday of each month.

Infantry Company:—First Sunday of each month except February, when Sunday, February 12, is allotted.

Corps Signals:—Sunday, February 5.

Corps Signals.

Musketry Part II. See order No. 3.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, January 16, and Thursday, January 19, 1928, for Signal Instruction.

Artillery Company.

Camp will be held at Tai Lam from Friday, January 13, to Sunday, January 15, 1928.

All ranks will parade at Kowloon Ferry at 5.30. Drill Order. Annual General Meeting will be held at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, January 19, 1928, at 5.30. All ranks are asked to make a special point of being present.

Armoured Car Co.

All Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men shall make a point of attending at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, January 16, at 5.30 p.m. to receive their camp pay and allowances. If they do not attend then, the money will be returned to Government.

Lecture: There will be a lecture to all ranks of Armoured Car Company at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 16, at Corps Headquarters.

Musketry Part II. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, January 22. Range Officer: Lt. J. Norrie-Owen.

Infantry Company.

No. 1 Platoon: Parades will be held at 5.30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday until further notice. The additional parades on Fridays have been arranged to enable those who are in arrears with drills to make up their requisite numbeer and it is hoped that full advantage will be taken of the two days per week now available for parades.

Friday, January 13, and Tuesday, January 17.

Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

No. 2 Platoon. Parade on Tuesday, January 17, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters. Dress: Belt, rifle and bayonet.

Scottish Company.

Thursday, January 19, at 5.30 p.m. All Platoons will parade at Platoon Headquarters for Squad Drill with arms. Dress: Mufti, rifle, belt and bayonet.

Musketry Part II. All those who have not yet fired must do so on or before Sunday, January 29, 1928.

Portuguese Co.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Friday, January 13, 1928, for Arms and Squad drill. Dress: Mufti, bayonet frog, rifle and bayonet. Next Company parade January 20.

Musketry: All ranks who have not fired or who have failed Part II. are again reminded that January 15 is the last occasion on which they may fire.

Special Lewis Gun Instruction.

There will be an additional parade for N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 only of the Lewis Gun Sections at Corps Headquarters each Tuesday at 5.30 p.m., commencing January 17, N.C.O.'s are requested to warn their men. Dress: Mufti. Overalls to be drawn from Store.

Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength on January 5, 1928, and posted to the Portuguese Company:—

No. 1288 Pte. J. C. Santos.
No. 1289 Pte. W. M. Lawrence.
No. 1290 Pte. H. M. Britto.

Promotions, Etc.

The following promotions and appointments take effect from January 10, 1928:—

Corps Signals.

No. 806 Corpl. J. B. Bottomley to be Sergeant.

No. 703 Signaller J. T. Prior to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 734 Signaller T. V. Harmon to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 758 Signaller G. B. Slipper to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 1272 Signaller D. S. Iggiesden, M.M., to be Lance-Corporal.

Artillery Company.

No. 1080 Gr. L. F. Nicholson to be L/Bombardier, No. 2 Gun.

No. 849 Gr. W. G. Lawson to be L/Bombardier, and is posted to No. 1 Gun.

No. 5 Platoon.

No. 124 Corpl. C. Young to be Sergeant.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 1 Corpl. J. A. Lyon, Reserve Company, from February 18 to December 17, 1928.

No. 90 R.Q.M.S. W. E. Hollands from January 17 to 31, 1928.

No. 345 C.Q.M.S. P. W. Ramsay, Scottish Company, having returned from leave assumes duty, as from January 7, 1928.

Transfer.

No. 1077 Pte J. Isaac is transferred from the Corps Signals to the Armoured Car Company, as from December 14, 1927.

Reversion.

No. 657 A/C.Q.M.S. J. W. Blackley, Scottish Company, reverts to his permanent rank, from January 7, 1928.

R. Institutes.

Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin to take over President Regimental Institutes, as from January 1, 1928.

Marksman.

The undermentioned has qualified as marksman and is entitled to wear the badge for one year:—

No. 718 Pte. A. Murdoch, Reserve Company, 96 points.

Struck Off.

Having left the Colony, as from January 10, 1928:—

No. 897 C.S.M. J. W. Henderson, Armoured Car Company.

No. 350 Pte. L. M. S. Lloyd, Armoured Car Company.

No. 550 Pte. J. C. M. Smith, No. 1 Platoon.

No. 1087 Pte J. J. Lima, No. 10 Platoon.

No. 697 Pte. J. Chatterton, Armoured Car Company, as from February 2, 1928.

Having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from January 7, 1928.

No. 436 Pte. W. J. Hinton, Reserve Company.

NOTICE.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.

The next monthly spoon shoot will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, January 15, at 9.30 a.m.

CHINESE CONSUL.

CHANGE OVER IN THE PHILIPPINES.

MR. YIH FROM FOOCHOW.

Manila, Jan. 6.

A representative Chinese delegation headed by Consul-General Lingoh Wang was at pier 7 this noon to welcome their new consul general, Yih Kaliang, who arrived on the "President Jefferson." Mr. Yih gratefully thanked the delegation and expressed cordiality and willingness to continue the good work started by his predecessor in fostering mutual intelligence between the Chinese and Filipinos and the foreign elements of the country in general.

Mr. Yih came with his family and as soon as his baggage was taken care of, he was taken to the Chinese consulate on Calle M. H. del Pilar where a reception and luncheon were prepared in his honour. Mr. Wang, his predecessor, expects to leave Sunday morning on the "Javanese Prince" for Batavia, Java, his new station. He gave the following message of farewell to the "Times" this morning:

"I have just spent the happiest year of my life in the Philippines. I shall always remember my stay in these islands with delightful recollections. I have been very fortunate in meeting so many good friends of all nationalities, particularly Filipinos. My friends have made my stay here so pleasant and made me feel so at home that I feel I am leaving my home country.

"I hope that in the near future I shall have the great pleasure of welcoming many of my good friends from these islands, at my new station in Batavia."

Mr. Yih comes from Foochow, Fookien province, China. He and Mr. Wang, according to the latter, have been in the consular service for the last twenty years and during this whole time they have been exchanging posts.

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FRIDAY,	JANUARY	13
Japan & Shanghai		Kitano Maru.
Amoy		Takliwa.
SUNDAY,	JANUARY	15
Europe via Negapatam (Japan only, London, 15th Dec., 1927)		Nellore.
MONDAY	JANUARY	16
Manila		Pres. Grant.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Lincoln.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Pres. Monroe.
TUESDAY,	JANUARY	17
Japan & Shanghai		Chenonceaux.
Japan		Aki Maru.
THURSDAY,	JANUARY	19
Australia & Manila		Mishima Maru.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai		Emp. of Canada.
FRIDAY,	JANUARY	20
Japan & Shanghai		Devanha.
MONDAY,	JANUARY	23
Straits		Atsuta Maru.
TUESDAY,	JANUARY	24
Shanghai		Antenor.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For		Per	
FRIDAY,	JANUARY	13	
Saigon		Bearport	4 p.m.
Swtaow		Tjipanas	5 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Hector	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong		Hanoi	5 p.m.
Manila & parcels only for Germany via Hamburg		Derfflinger	5 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 25th Jan. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (14th Jan.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Taiping.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 12th Feb. K.P.O.:—Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters 9 a.m. G.P.O.:—Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.		Kitano Maru.	
SATURDAY,	JANUARY	14	
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong		Chenan	10 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.		Takliwa.	
Amoy		Kwangtung	2.30 p.m.
Haiphong		Tonkin	2.30 p.m.
Saigon		Yuan Jeng	3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Fodchow		Hai Hong	4 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Soochow	5 p.m.
SUNDAY,	JANUARY	15	
Bangkok via Swatow		Kingyuan	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa		Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia		Nellore	9 a.m.
MONDAY,	JANUARY	16	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. Africa & *Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 9th Feb. & Europe via Siberia Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		Pres. Grant.	
Amoy		Kutsang	5 p.m.
TUESDAY,	JANUARY	17	
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong		Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

PEACE IN INDUSTRY

Important Conference Opened.

GOOD BEGINNING.

Ways And Means Of Eliminating Strife.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Great interest is displayed in the first meeting to-day of the joint conference on co-operation in industry, the groundwork for which has been most carefully prepared. Employing interests will be represented by a group of leading industrialists who have associated themselves with Sir Alfred Mond, and trade unions will be represented by the General Council of the Trades Union Congress. The area of exploration is: "The entire field of industrial reorganisation and industrial relations."

The conference is largely the outcome of a widespread feeling which found expression in a letter from employers to the Trades Union Congress and which noted: "We believe that the common interests which bind us are more powerful than the apparently divergent interests which seem to separate."

This approach was sympathetically received and it is believed that to-day's conference will lay down lines in which intricate problems facing industry can be jointly explored. On the eve of this meeting a manifesto of goodwill, signed by 109 of the largest employers in the country, 72 Labour Members of Parliament and 13 trade union secretaries is issued by the Industrial Christian Fellowship.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a separate message, prays that to-day's deliberations may be guided to a wise conclusion.

The conference will be private, but a joint official statement will be issued afterwards. It is being preceded by a special meeting of the Trades Union Council.—British Wireless Service.

COOK OPPOSED.

Right to Accept Employers' Invitation.

London, Yesterday.

An epoch making conference between a representative group of employers and the General Council of the Trade Union Council, with the object of promoting industrial peace was opened to-day at Burlington House in private.

Before the conference the General Council of the Trade Union Council had a three hours' discussion on its policy. Mr. A. J. Cook bitterly opposed the conference. It is understood that one big Union with a membership of 300,000 challenged the Council's right to accept the employer's invitation, but the Council decided to proceed with its policy and consult the Unions later if necessary.—Reuter.

Official Statement.

London, Yesterday.

The Industrial Peace Conference sat for three hours. A joint official statement says that on the motion of Mr. Ben Turner, Sir Alfred Mond presided.

It was explained that the employers were present in an individual capacity.

The conference, which will consider the general lines of policy, reviewed the problems to be examined, including better organisation of industry by means of amalgamation, the introduction of new methods of transference or pensioning displaced workers, the improvement, security, and status of the worker who should be given an interest in the business. They could not expect to create a heaven on earth, but if they could give Great Britain freedom from industrial disputes they would place the country, which had always been the leader in these matters, in the forefront.

Mr. Ben Turner emphasised the vital importance of finding a just are lasting solution of Industrial problems, putting the country on the highway of prosperity.

Sir Alfred Mond announced that the employers had appointed a Committee of seven, with himself as Chairman, to facilitate the work.

Mr. Turner intimated that the council of the Trade Union Council would appoint a similar committe.

It was agreed that Sir A. Mond and Mr. Turner would preside over the meetings alternately.—Reuter.

OPIUM HAULS.

Revenue Officers Have Busy Day.

$10,000 IN FINES.

Six Chinese Before Magistrate This Morning.

Revenue Officers made several good hauls of opium on the various wharves yesterday, and this morning six Chinese, including a small boy were charged before Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with the unlawful possession, respectively, of 3, 18, 40, 90, 96 and 109 taels of non-Government opium.

The boy had three taels was ordered to receive ten strokes, whilst the other five were ordered to pay fines ranging from $200 to $3,000, and totalling nearly $10,000. In default of the fines the men had to do jail terms of between three weeks and eight months.

A seventh Chinese who was charged with the unlawful possession of 18 taels of prepared non-Government opium, was defended by Mr. M. K. Lo on whose application he was remanded until noon on Monday, bail being allowed in the sum of $1,500.

Found in Pantry.

Mr. Lo suggested that if the facts of the case could be given, it would help him in preparing his defence.

Revenue Officer Ward, at the request of the Magistrate, stated that Chinese Revenue Officer No. 53 boarded the s.s. "Kongning" yesterday and found the accused in the pantry. The accused claimed two baskets, a bunk and some bedding in the pantry as his. When the bedding was opened, the opium was found concealed inside, wrapped in a handkerchief. When the opium was brought to light, the accused denied all knowledge of it.

REDS IN FRANCE.

CHAMBER AND ARRESTED DEPUTIES.

SOCIALIST DEFEAT.

Paris, Yesterday.

A crowded Chamber by 310 votes to 227 rejected a Socialist motion opposing the Government's intention to arrest, without asking the consent of the Chamber, the five Communist Deputies, Cachin, Vaillant Couturiee, Doriot, Marty, and Duclos, who were sentenced to imprisonment in their absence for sedition.

The motion demanded that the Government should formally apply to the Chamber to raise the Parliamentary immunity of the Deputies before proceeding with any steps.

M. Cachin and M. Vaillant Couturier, who were present in the Chamber, were arrested outside the building after the sitting.—Reuter.

MARINES IN ACTION.

FIVE NICARAGUAN REBELS KILLED.

"PLANE CAUSES DEATHS.

Managua, Yesterday.

Five "rebels" have been killed in an engagement near Cuje between Sandino's forces and a joint patrol of the United States Marines and Nicaraguan National guardsmen.

Nine other "rebels" are reported to have been killed by machine gun fire from an American aeroplane at Sandino's headquarters at Quilale.—Reuter's American Service.

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New York, Yesterday.

The "Herald Tribune" states that a Shakespeare first folio of the finest quality known to bibliophiles as the wantage Crawford copy because it was located by Sir Sidney Lee in the library of Lady Wantage, has been sold to an American collector for £10,000.—Reuter's American Service.

THOMAS HARDY

Westminster Abbey Interment.

THE KING'S TRIBUTE.

Striking Eulogies Of Great Writer.

Rugby, Yesterday.

English literature has been deprived of its most eminent writer by the death last night of Thomas Hardy, a great poet and novelist. Hardy, who was eighty-seven years' old, had been ill for a few weeks at his home in Dorchester (in "Wessex County") where he spent most of his life. He was believed to be recovering but the end came with a seizure.

His first approach to creative literature was by way of poetry and his last contribution was a poem published on Christmas Eve.

Since 1870 until a fortnight ago he maintained a slow but steady stream of notable work. He was highly self-critical and himself destroyed much of his early writing. Poetry was always his strongest passion and he referred contemptuously to his first four novels, which he published anonymously. One of them, "Under the Greenwood Tree" attracted the special notice of the critics and this increased his confidence. In addition to three collections of stories together with many poems he published ten more novels including, "Jude the Obscure," in which his reactions to contemporary thought and mortality created much controversy when they appeared.

The vigour of his mind was shown when, approaching his 70th year he produced "The Dynasts," an "Epic Drama of Emperor Napoleon in Three Paras, Nineteen Acts and One Hundred and thirty scenes," a work which combines characteristic poetic philosophy with minute historical knowledge and a shrewd, sympathetic understanding of humanity.

Most of his stories deal with rural life and character and he constantly reached heights of simple disaffected tragedy rejecting, with obvious distaste, all suggestions of fresh sentiment.

Hardy was greatly esteemed by his fellow writers, who paid annual pilgrimage on his birthday to his home. Three universities gave him honours and he was decorated some years ago with the rare and coveted Order of Merit.—British Wireless Service.

Burial In Abbey.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Thomas Hardy will be buried in Westminster Abbey on Monday.—Reuter.

A Royal Tribute.

Rugby, Yesterday.

It is understood that the question is being considered of offering a burial in Westminster Abbey for the remains of Thomas Hardy. The late novelist, however, had always expressed a desire to be interred at Stinsford, near Dorchester, which, under the name of Millstock, is the scene of his great Wessex novels.

Scores of telegrams from celebrities in English and European literature have been received to-day at Max Gate, Mr. Hardy's home at Dorchester, expressing admiration of the dead writer's genius and condolence with Mrs. Hardy.

One of the first was address d by His Majesty the King to Mrs. Hardy and ran: "The Queen and I are grieved to hear of the sad loss you have sustained by the death of your distinguished husband—a loss that will be shared by all his countrymen in whose literature his name will live permanently. We offer you our deep sympathy in your sorrow."—British Wireless Service.

BANKER'S CAREER.

MESSENGER BOY TO PRESIDENT.

New York, Yesterday.

Mr. Robert Clarkson, aged 85, has been elected President of the Chase National Bank.

Mr. Clarkson began his career as a messenger boy in a brokerage house. — Reuter's American Service.

Mr. Vivian Mackie, of the legal firm of Freeman and Madge, Kuala Lumpur, has returned from leave.

The French naval yacht "Diana" arrived at Singapore port from Saigon, and leaves for Beyrouth. She is of 1,400 tons, carries a crew of 50, and has an armament of two guns.

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